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<p>240 1947</p>	<p>Eastern</p>	<p>E6311 /G 16 JUL 1947</p>
<p>E 6311 /48/C Mr. Duff Cooper Paris. 686 July 15th.</p>	<p>Illegal Jewish Immigration Record of a meeting between the SOFS and the Prime Minister when the question of the SS. President Warfield was discussed.</p>	
<p>Last Paper. (E6278) E</p>	<p>Neither Paris telegram No. 686 nor the Secretary of State's letter to M. Bidault in E 6277 contains any reference to M. Bidault's verbal assurance to the Secretary of State reported in Paris telegram No. 682. (L) This would seem to be an unfortunate omission, since Paris telegram No. 686 may well produce considerable uncertainty in the mind of the High Commissioner for Palestine (to whom it was repeated) about the continued validity and effectiveness of this promise.</p>	
<p>References.</p>	<p>From telephone conversations with Mr. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Crossley of the Paris Embassy, there is no doubt, however, that M. Bidault did give such an assurance and I understand that Mr. Ashley Clarke has made it clear to M. Bousquet of the Quai d'Orsay that we regard the Secretary of State's letter (E 6277) as requesting a formal confirmation of this assurance rather than as re-opening the question <u>de novo</u>, as it appears to do. M. Bousquet has expressed the opinion that the French Council of Ministers, to whom the question has now been referred, would uphold M. Bidault's assent to the return of the "President Warfield's" passengers but might demur to some of the other requests in the Secretary of State's letter.</p>	
<p>(Print.) 61816 (How disposed of) 8) 11P 16 July Tel) 1548 Paris 1548 15 July Rptd Jerusalem BME 584 8) 11P wo ✓ 19 July</p>	<p>It appears unlikely that the Council of Ministers will reject outright our request for their assent to the return of the "President Warfield's" passengers. This would be tantamount to a repudiation of M. Bidault and might involve his resignation.</p>	
<p>(Action completed.) (Index.)</p>	<p>The Admiralty estimate that the "President Warfield" will probably reach Palestine on Friday morning and the Colonial Office are strongly of the opinion that the ships to which her passengers will be transferred would have to sail from Haifa not later than forty- eight hours afterwards. By Sunday morning,</p>	
<p>Next Paper. (E6313)</p>	<p>therefore/</p>	

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therefore, we may well be faced by one of three situations:-

- (a) a reply will have been received from the French Government conveying an unqualified confirmation of M. Bidault's promise;
- (b) no reply will have been received;
- (c) a reply will have been received which, either by requesting further information or by raising technical objections, seeks to temporise.

(a) presents no difficulty and would be eminently satisfactory. Either (b) or (c) would force us to choose between the following courses of action:-

(1) We might inform the French that, relying on M. Bidault's verbal assurance, we have already set the machinery in motion and that the "President Warfield's" passengers would actually reach France on such and such a date. This would present them with a fait accompli, which they would find it difficult to evade. On the other hand, such a course of action might so stiffen the attitude of the French Government on this question that this first instance of their full, if involuntary, co-operation in preventing the use of French ports for illegal immigration might also be the last. We should then lose many of the long-term advantages which we hope to derive from this operation. Nevertheless, we should have relieved ourselves of responsibility for the maintenance of 4,000 or more illegal immigrants and, to that extent, eased the accommodation problem in Cyprus. We should have established a precedent of which we could make use in Italy if and when sailings were resumed from Italian ports. Furthermore, we should have caused grave discouragement to the organisers of the traffic, who would see the failure of the "President Warfield's" voyage, but would not know of its repercussions in Paris.

(2) We might instruct the High Commissioner, Palestine, to cancel the operation and to send the "President Warfield's" passengers to Cyprus in the normal way. This would, of course, be a complete confession of defeat. We are never likely to have such a good case for refoulement again and, if we do not succeed with the "President Warfield", we are unlikely to do so with any other ship.

(3) We might allow the ships to leave Maifa without informing the French that they are en route for a French port, in the hope

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that we should reach agreement with the French during the period of their voyage. If this hope proved to be unjustified, however, we should eventually be faced with a choice between accepting defeat and presenting the French with a fait accompli. The Admiralty consider that the latest moment at which the ships en route for France could be diverted to Cyprus would be three days after their departure from Haifa. This is the longest period which would allow them to sail back to Cyprus without running out of food and water.

*J. E. Cable*  
(J. E. CABLE)

16th July, 1947.

Since Mr. Batlis minute was written, we have received an advance copy of Paris tel. no 695 (attached). This shows that, in the French view, M. Bidault's assurance to the Secretary of State still requires confirmation by M. Ramadier.

Mr. Batlis apprehensions are thus justified, and we may be faced with one or other of the situations (b) and (c) to which his minute refers.

A very early decision is therefore required between the three courses of action considered above.

H. B. Bealey 17/7/47

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Now see E 6358 and action thereon.

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DEPARTMENTAL No: 2

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper  
No: 686

D. 2.8.a.m.14th July 1947

13th July 1947

R. 3.25.a.m.14th July 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem

X:X:X:

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my  
telegram No: 10.

Confidential.

Following from Secretary of State.

Jewish illegal immigration.

With M. Bidault's ready assent I saw Prime Minister  
on July 12th and impressed on him the concern with which  
His Majesty's Government regarded the flow of illegal  
immigrants through France to which departure of President  
Warfield had added in so deplorable a degree.

2. I said that in the exercise of our responsibilities  
under the Mandate for Palestine we had received rather  
shabby treatment from other countries. What would the  
French Government say if we connived at the introduction  
of unauthorised persons and trouble-makers into some French-  
controlled territory where there was a problem similar  
to ours? In the case of Palestine not only Jews but  
Arabs were affected and I conceived that the indulgence  
shown to Jewish immigrants by the French authorities might  
well have repercussions in French North Africa. I  
reminded M. Ramadier that I had taken drastic steps to  
ensure that in that area British subjects whether official  
or otherwise, refrained from any action contrary to French  
interests. Was it too much to ask that the French  
Government should reciprocate in the matter of this  
illegal Jewish traffic, which was in any case largely a  
financial racket controlled from New York?

3. M. Ramadier said that this was the first he had  
heard of the President Warfield and asked for details.  
He said that the French Government could not discriminate  
between one set of travellers and another and those that

left

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left the country only did so if their papers were in order. He did not think that the French authorities had power to check the seaworthiness of foreign vessels and in any event those leaving for Palestine always omitted to mention their true destination.

4. I pointed out that no one could be in any doubt where the President Warfield was bound for especially as fullest details had been supplied in advance on numerous occasions by His Majesty's Embassy. Same applied to other ships engaged in this traffic most of which were quite inadequate to accomodate and transport the large numbers of wretched immigrants crowded on to them. I reminded M. Ramadier of the safety of life at sea and loadline conventions and of the French Government's written undertakings to apply them strictly to suspect vessels. I also pointed out that any visas the passengers on the President Warfield possessed must be false.

5. M. Ramadier undertook to make an enquiry into the departure of the President Warfield, but he was very much on the defensive throughout. I concluded by saying that Mr. Attlee and all the members of His Majesty's Government directly concerned earnestly desired that this potentially serious cause of misunderstanding between our two Governments should be eliminated. M. Ramadier echoed my words.

6. Meanwhile, I have written a stiff letter to M. Bidault asking for an explanation of the departure of the President Warfield and claiming the right to return her and her passengers to France. I have asked that all measures be taken to prevent the departure of other suspect ships, including the maintenance of a warship in the vicinity of Marseilles and the application of the various forms of administrative delay suggested to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on previous occasions.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office for transmission to Jerusalem].

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Draft. H. B.

H. M. Ambassador,  
Paris.

Telegram.

No. 1548

(Date) July 15

Repeat to:—

Immediate

Jerusalem

Immediate

S.M.E.O. Cairo

(for Cs. in C.)

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C.O. concur.

W.O.

Copies to:—

I. I. P.

W.O.

July 19.

OUTLINE

F. O.,

July 1947.

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M.

MOST IMMEDIATE

TOP SECRET

We trust that the French Government realise that force, or at least a display of force, will be required to land the Jews now on board the "President Warfield" when they are returned to a French port.

2. *We understand that you are already taking steps to make clear to the French, without alarming them unduly, make clear to*

them the necessity for ensuring that adequate police forces are available when the landing takes place. If you are asked what we consider to be adequate, you should say that our experience in Palestine has taught us that an impressive force has the effect of discouraging attempts at resistance.

3. Please let us know as soon as possible what arrangements the French propose to make. From the War Office point of view it is essential that the British guard on the ships should be clearly briefed as to the point at which their responsibility ceases. We suggest that they should be responsible for delivering the Jews on to the quay (or into lighters if the ships do not tie up), and that the French should accept responsibility from that point. We think

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4. Please repeat your answer to Jerusalem and to B.M.E.O. for the Cs. in C. They should have as much information as possible by Thursday. We should also like to know at the earliest possible moment to which port the ships are to be directed.

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DEPARTMENTAL No: 2

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS (AMBASSADOR)

No: 1548

15th July 1947

D. 7.C.p.m.15th July 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem Immediate  
British Middle East Office Cairo (for Commanders-  
in-Chief) No: 584 Immediate  
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MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET

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3. Please let us know as soon as possible what arrangements the French propose to make. From the War Office point of view it is essential that the British guard on the ships should be clearly briefed as to the point at which their responsibility ceases. We suggest that they should be responsible for delivering the Jews on to the quay (or into lighters if the ships do not tie up), and that the French should accept responsibility from that point. We think it preferable, and we assume that the French would agree, that if possible, British troops should not have to disembark in the course of the operation.

4. Please repeat your answer to Jerusalem and to British Middle East Office Cairo for the Commanders-in-Chief. They should have as much information as possible by Thursday. We should also like to know at the earliest possible moment to which port the ships are to be directed.

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E 6313/48/C  
Mr. Juff Cooper  
Paris.  
692  
July 15th.

S.S. President Wallfield.  
Rep. to D.O. tel 1542 (E628/48/C)  
Expressed agreement that vessel  
should return to France in  
one voyage.

Last Paper.

(E6311)

(Minutes.)

Rp. in Dept.  
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References.

(Print.)

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B8) Mr. Fitzgerald  
Mr. Dodd, Army  
Mr. Evers, Cab. O.  
Maj. Gasteris, 40  
Mr. Wood, Army Transport  
July 16th

8) I.I.P. 16 Aug  
10) Paris 1535  
14 Aug  
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D. 12.10 a.m. 16th July 1947.  
R. 1.30 a.m. 16th July 1947.

Repeated to: Jerusalem  
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean  
Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F.  
P.S.T.O. Mediterranean.

VVV

**SECRET.**

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I entirely agree with your paragraph 2 and think it essential to effect return to France in one voyage.

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 11 and to other posts unnumbered, all Immediate.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for transmission to Jerusalem and to War Registry Admiralty for transmission to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F., and P.S.T.O. Mediterranean].

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**OUTWARD TELEGRAM** Date *15/7* *13*

*7:50 A M*

*by the O.T. En Clair*

*E6313/148/C7*

TO S. OF S. FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PARIS.

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 14th July, 1947.

*Paris Embassy*

*No 1535*

*Date July 14<sup>th</sup>*

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*Following for United Kingdom Delegation*

Colonies. Following for S. of S., from S. of S. for

May I offer warm congratulations on your success with Bidault over President Warfield? This is a great encouragement to all concerned in efforts to stop the illegal traffic.

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Byrnes O.T.  
~~In Claim~~

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

~~Sent 24th July, 1947.~~

Colonies. Following for S. of S., from S. of S. for

May I offer warm congratulations on your success with Bidault over President warfield? This is a great encouragement to all concerned in efforts to stop the illegal traffic.

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D. 7.50 a.m. 15th July 1947.

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Following for Secretary of State, from Secretary  
of State for Colonies.

May I offer warm congratulations on your success with Bidault over President Warfield? This is a great encouragement to all concerned in efforts to stop the illegal traffic.

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W. H. C. Chaucer to Eastern Dept. 9171 148 July 10th.	Illegal Immigration: Pandelis Rep. to his tel 3/16 (ESF30/148/C) gives particulars concerning Pandelis who wished to purchase the tanker T. T. Lowry.	
Last Paper. (E5731) 148/C	(Minutes.)	
References. E6918/148/C	Copies to: Mr. Cohen (M.I.5) Mr. Crowley (Paris Embassy) J 17/7	
(Print.)		
(How disposed of.) 8/ Mr. Cohen, M.I.5. Mr. Crowley, Paris. July 29.		
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

10th July 1947

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SECRET

Dear Department,

Since sending you our telegram No.3716 of the 30th June about Pandelis we have had a further talk with the State Department about his activities.

The State Department say that they have heard from their Consulate in Milan that when Pandelis applied for his United States visa he told the Consulate that he wished to visit America to purchase a tanker called the J.J. CONEY. This ship, built in 1920, is at present working off the west coast of the United States. According to the latest information the J.J. CONEY has been sold by the Hill Cone Steamship Company of San Francisco to the Swiss firm Galea Societa Anonima referred to in our telegram No.3717 of the 30th June. There is no proof that Pandelis is connected with this firm, or indeed that this firm is connected with illegal immigration, but the State Department point out that both these things may be possible. The CONEY might be of value for providing bunkers at sea to illegal immigrant ships which have been denied bunkering facilities in Mediterranean ports.

We are asking the Consulates-General at Los Angeles and San Francisco to report the movements of this ship.

The State Department also tell us that Pandelis had been trying to purchase Liberty ships under the pretext of wishing to carry Moslems on the pilgrimage to Mecca! The State Department will do their best to stop any sales.

Pandelis's visa will expire shortly and the State Department are hoping to prevent its renewal on the grounds of his connexion with various Nazis and pro-Nazi Roumanians during the war.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

Yours ever,

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<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>E 6333 /48/G</b>  <i>31</i>  <b>Sir N. Charles,</b>  <b>Rome</b>  <b>1520</b>  <b>July 15th</b> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Jewish Illegal Immigration into Italy.</b>  Rep to his tel 1506 (E6198/48/31)  Italian authorities will be prepared to cooperate with British Liaison Officer. </div>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Last Paper.</b>  <b>E6315</b> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>References.</b>  <b>E6197/48/31</b> </div>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>(Print.)</b> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>(Minutes.)</b>  I have spoken to Mr. Ruck and submit draft telegram to Rome giving his itinerary. I think para 3 should go to Finance Dept. (who already have the f.p.) for concurrence and revision, before the telegram is sent.  <i>I have not met with him.</i>  <b>Finance Dept.</b>  Please see letter from H.O. July 15th asking for £30 a month to be advanced (on a/c of salary).  <b>7/17/7</b>  <b>Telegram sent</b>  <b>Finance Dept. again</b>  <b>no action.</b>  <b>Mr. Bunn</b>  <b>Dis. H.C.</b>  <b>22/7.</b> </div>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>(How disposed of.)</b>  <b>8) I.I.P.</b>  <b>Tel. Rome 1570</b>  <b>July 18.</b>  <b>Rptd. Vienna 965.</b>  <b>8) I.I.P. July 23</b>  <b>Mr. Ruck.</b> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>(TE-CABLE)</b>  17/7  <b>(TE-CABLE)</b>  18/7 </div>	
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My telegram No. 1506.

Control of Jewish Illegal Entry into Italy.

In discussion with Counsellor this morning, Director of Political Affairs of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the Italian authorities would be prepared to collaborate with British Liaison Officer as soon as he arrived in Italy. They had no intention of making acceptance of their request for disposal of illegal entrants into British zone a condition for entry into force of the other parts of their scheme, but felt strongly that it was the only feasible deterrent. Zoppi said he would like to receive Liaison Officer on arrival and would put him into immediate touch with competent Italian officials.

2. In view of the wording of the Italian note as summarised at 2(b) in my telegram No. 1505, Counsellor thought it advisable to warn Zoppi against any attempt to put across the frontier of the British zone illegal entrants from other zones pending a definite decision on the Italian Government's proposal. Zoppi professed this would not happen but emphasised the need for early decision as otherwise the whole new scheme would break down.

Nos. 18 and 153 respectively.

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HOME OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY  
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION,  
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

for the attention of H.W. Minchull, Esq.

E6333

18 July, 1947.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer to the forthcoming visit on official business to Rome and other Continental centres of Mr. C.P. Ruck, an Assistant Chief Inspector, Immigration Branch, Home Office, and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for Mr. Ruck to be able to draw (on account of salary) up to £30 per month whilst abroad. The sums drawn will be reimbursed by this Department upon submission of a statement to the Finance Officer, Home Office Finance Department, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, S.E.1.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*P. J. Jones*

for Establishment Officer.

The Finance Officer,  
Finance Department,  
Foreign Office,  
8, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1.

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Telegram.

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Date - July 18<sup>th</sup>

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Mr. Ruck  
(Home Office)

Important

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July: Your telegram no. 1520 [of 15<sup>th</sup> July] Jewish illegal immigration

RUCK will leave for  
BERLIN on 21<sup>st</sup> July, arriving  
VIENNA on 23<sup>rd</sup> and ROME  
on 28<sup>th</sup>.

2. His passport number is  
414432. Pts Vienna and Rome  
please arrange accommodation, briefing  
and any necessary documentation  
necessary to establish his bona  
fides as liaison officer.

3. You may advance  
make RUCK any advances he  
may require to cover his personal  
expenses while in Austria or  
Italy. In addition, salary advances up to  
£30 per month may be issued to RUCK.  
Please report no more ~~is~~ drawn.

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No. 1570.

D. 3.0 p.m. 18th July 1947.

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IMPORTANT.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Your telegram No.1520 [of 15th July: Jewish illegal immigration].

Ruck will leave for Berlin on 21st July, arriving Vienna on 23rd and Rome on 28th.

2. His passport number is 414432. Vienna and Rome please arrange accommodation, briefing and any documentation necessary to establish his bona fides as liaison officer.

3. You may make Ruck any advances he may require to cover his personal expenses while in Austria or Italy. In addition, salary advances up to £30 per month may be issued to Ruck. Please report sums drawn.

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D. 5.0 p.m. 18th July 1947.

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Repeated to Vienna No. 885.

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**IMPORTANT.**

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

Your telegram No.1520 [of 15th July: Jewish  
 illegal immigration].

Ruck will leave for Berlin on 21st July, arriving Vienna on 23rd and Rome on 28th.

2. His passport number is 414452. Vienna and Rome please arrange accommodation, briefing and any documentation necessary to establish his bona fides as liaison officer.

5. You may make Ruck any advances he may require to cover his personal expenses while in Austria or Italy. In addition, salary advances up to £50 per month may be issued to Ruck. Please report sums drawn.

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<p>E 6358 /48/C<sub>1</sub></p> <p>Sin N. Charles,</p> <p>Rome.</p> <p>1510</p> <p>July 14th.</p>	<p>Illegal Immigration: Mr. Ruck.</p> <p>Rep. to RO. tel HQ (E6065/48/C<sub>1</sub>)</p> <p>Requests information about</p> <p>Mr. Ruck's experience and</p> <p>personality.</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p>E633</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>I submit draft reply</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>(TELETYPE)</p> <p>17/7</p>	
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FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir N. Charles. D. 5.19 p.m. 14th July, 1947.  
No. 1510.  
14th July, 1947. R. 11.50 a.m. 15th July, 1947.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Your telegram No. 1497.

Following for Beith from Ward.

Strictly personal.

Can you please give us advanced information about Ruck's experience and personality? Though very pleased you have brought the matter along so quickly, we had rather felt requirement was someone of the type used for war time liaison duties with partisans. Job, if it [gp. undec. ?materialise]s properly will include hard travelling, knowledge of foreign languages and ability to handle suspicious foreigners.

2. However, this will perhaps apply more to Ruck's successor since we [gp. undec.] Ruck's main purpose will be to draw up report and recommendations.

[Copy sent to Mr. J.G.S. Beith].

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Telegram.

No. 1562

Date July 17<sup>th</sup>

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Your telegram no. 1510 [of 14<sup>th</sup> July: Jewish illegal immigration]  
Following for Ward from cable.  
Strictly personal.

ROCK is <sup>aged 48,</sup> ~~aged 48,~~ has a pleasant manner and strikes me as forceful and efficient. He speaks both German and Italian. ~~I can not vouch for his aptitude as a bondsman and confess that we had considered this necessary not considered <sup>this</sup> qualification essential.~~

2. As an immigration officer he has naturally had frequent contacts with suspicious, recalcitrant and indignant foreigners. We are, however, relying <sup>principally</sup> ~~mainly~~ on the strong recommendation of the Home Office, ~~other than our personal experience of his work,~~ since our contacts with him have been /limited

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limited to committee meetings  
and office conferences.

3. Your para. 2 corresponds more closely to our conception of RUCKS' mission and we suggest that if, after seeing him at work, you feel that his successor should be of a different type, you should then ~~but forward~~ ~~detached proposals~~ let us know.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ROME

D. 1. 0 p.m. 18th July, 1947.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Your telegram No. 1510 [of 14th July: Jewish illegal immigration].

Following for Ward from Cable. Strictly personal.

Ruck is aged 48, has a pleasant manner and strikes me as forceful and efficient. He speaks both German and Italian.

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M. Duff Cooper,  
Paris

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July 16th

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S.S. President Wafield.

Rep. to D.O. 1548 (E6311/48/C)  
States that the decision to return  
the vessel to France cannot be  
regarded as final until approved  
by H. Ramadier.

Last Paper.

(E6313) E6359

References.

(Minutes.)

Ref to Capt  
Spence attached.

This is awkward. 9 attach  
drafts of a minute to the S/S and  
a telegram to Paris.

H.B. Bealey 17/7

R. J. J. J.  
17/7

The Secretary of State is away in  
Hastings to day. The telegram has  
accordingly been revised in consultation  
with the Private Secretary, and sent.

H.B. 17/7

(How disposed of.)

8) I.I.P. 18 July

12) Paris 1583

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Return to Mr. Beeley

Private Secretary

Please see Sir N. Butler's minute to the Secretary of State, dated 17th July (Flag A), proposing that he should send a personal message to M. Bidault. In the Secretary of State's absence, it was decided to substitute for this personal message our telegram No. 1583 to Paris (Flag B).

2. It will be seen from Paris telegram No. 699 (Flag C) that the Embassy have not taken the suggested action.

3. Meanwhile the "President Warfield" has arrived in Palestine waters and the time at our disposal is running out. [In these circumstances, the Secretary of State may care to send the attached draft telegram.]

4. [There is the further point that] the ships carrying the "President Warfield's" passengers away from Palestine, expected to leave Haifa at the latest on Sunday morning. The Colonial Office are asking Jerusalem to let us know at once when the convoy has left. It must proceed either to France or to Cyprus. We recommend that if by Sunday morning no decision has been taken by the French Government, the convoy should, none the less, proceed towards France, & that we should so inform the French Government, asking at which port they would prefer to receive them.

5. The Secretary of State's approval is sought to the dispatch of the attached telegram and to the action in paragraph 4. above.

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

Paris advice against a further approach at this stage to M. Bidault, who has already spoken to M. Ramadieu. I think therefore that all we now need is authority for the action recommended in para. 4. HJB 18/7

M.R. Wright.

Agree -  
tell Bidault. 18th July, 1947  
Mr Beeley informed. PD. 19/7

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*Draft.*  
H. M. Ambassador,  
Paris.

*Telegram.*

No. . .

Dated. . .

Cypher  
Departmental No. 2

213.197

July, 1947.

*Despatched*

M.

MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET

Your telegram No. 699 ["President Warfield"].

Following personal from the Secretary of State.

"President Warfield" has arrived in Palestine waters and it is imperative that the destination of her passengers shall be settled quickly.

2. Please therefore act in the sense of my telegram No. 1583, taking the line that in our view agreement has been reached in principle and nothing remains to be settled but the detail of its execution.

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Secretary of State

The "President Warfield".

In a conversation with you in Paris on the 12th July M. Bidault agreed to your request for French co-operation in the return to France of the Jewish illegal immigrants on board the "President Warfield".

Arrangements have accordingly been concerted with the Colonial Office, the Admiralty and the War Office for the return of these people to a French port.

We have now received a telegram from Paris (No. 695 - attached), in which we are told that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have made it clear to the Embassy that M. Bidault's assurance "cannot be regarded as a decision by the French Government "unless and until M. Ramadier confirms it".

The "President Warfield" is expected to arrive in Palestinian waters on Friday morning. The Colonial Office state that the ships to which her passengers will be transferred cannot be held at Haifa for more than forty-eight hours.

Unless M. Ramadier endorses M. Bidault's agreement with you, we shall therefore be faced on Sunday morning with the necessity of issuing final instructions for the sailing of these ships in the absence of any agreement with the French Government as to their destination. In that event, there would be two courses of action open to us:-

(1) We might inform the French that, relying on M. Bidault's verbal assurance, we had already set the machinery in motion and that the "President Warfield's" passengers would reach French waters on a given date. This would present the French with a fait accompli, which would make it difficult for them to refuse to accept the returned immigrants, but which might have adverse effects on the future attitude of the French Government on this question.

(2) We might instruct the High Commissioner to cancel the operation and to send the "President Warfield's" passengers to Cyprus in the normal way. This would be a complete confession of defeat and we are unlikely to succeed in returning future shiploads of immigrants to the country from which they set out if we fail in the case of the "President Warfield".

This dilemma will be avoided if M. Ramadier agrees to the issuing of instructions to implement M. Bidault's verbal assurance to you. So much seems to turn on this that I submit for your consideration the attached draft of a message which you might send to M. Bidault in order to strengthen his hand at this juncture.

Mr Butler

17th July, 1947.

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Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 12. [Copies sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS

No. 1583

July 17th, 1947.

D. 3.10 p.m. July 17th, 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem  
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean  
Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

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Your telegram No. 695 [the "President Warfield"].

Please inform M. Bidault as soon as possible that in accordance with the agreement reached on my request for French co-operation in the return of these immigrants to France, the British authorities concerned have now made arrangements for the interception of the "President Warfield" when she arrives off the coast of Palestine and for the return voyage of her passengers. For the final stage of the operation, the disembarking of the passengers at a French port, we must of course concert our arrangements with the appropriate French authorities. We also await an indication of the port at which it would be most convenient from the French point of view to effect the landing.

2. I am consequently disappointed to learn that the Anglo-French discussions which will be necessary in order to implement the agreement which I reached with M. Bidault have not begun, apparently because the necessary instructions have not yet been issued on the French side. The "President Warfield" is expected to arrive in Palestine waters on Friday morning and agreement on the outstanding details of the return of these people to France is consequently a matter of some urgency. I should therefore be grateful if M. Bidault would once more give his friendly attention to this matter.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Your telegram No. 1583.

Jewish illicit immigration.

As you will have gathered from your interview with M. Ramadier, neither he nor indeed many of his colleagues are particularly well-disposed to our interests on this issue. Our only supporter was Minister for Foreign Affairs, who was prepared to help for the purpose of promoting Anglo-French friendship. In view, however, of the serious difficulties which have arisen over Germany and the awkward position in which M. Bidault himself is consequently placed, even his support has become doubtful.

2. On M. Bidault's instructions Ministry of Foreign Affairs had prepared for him a letter to the Prime Minister recommending lines on which our requests regarding the "President Warfield" and illicit traffic generally should be met. This was to be handed to M. Ramadier by the Minister for Foreign Affairs personally today and discussed with him. I have not yet heard whether this has been done, but, in view of the situation explained above, I do not think it would be advisable to press the matter immediately with M. Bidault.

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Draft.  
H. M. Ambassador,  
Paris.

Telegram.

No. . . 1622  
Dated. July 19<sup>th</sup>

Cypher

Departmental No. 1

Repeat to:  
C. in C., Med.  
C. in C., M. E. L. F.  
Jerusalem  
Cyprus

L.O. concurs  
H.B. 19/7  
Lopis I.I.P.

MOST IMMEDIATE

TOP SECRET

The immigrants from the "President Warfield" left Haifa at six o'clock D.B.S.T. this morning on board the "Ocean Vigour", the "Empire Rival" and the "Runnymede Park". The convoy is under instructions to make for France.

2. Please convey this information urgently to the French Government. You should say that this action has been taken on the strength of the verbal understanding reached between M. Bidault and myself. We hope to hear very quickly at which port the French would prefer the immigrants to disembark.

3. For your own information only, we shall have to decide by Monday at the latest whether the convoy is to proceed to France or to return to Cyprus. But the French should not

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS.

No. 1622. D. 1.30 p.m. 19th July, 1947.  
19th July, 1947.

Repeated to C-in-C Mediterranean,  
C-in-C M.E.L.F.,  
Jerusalem,  
Cyprus.

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MOST IMMEDIATE.

TOP SECRET.

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	<p>S.S. President Warfield.</p> <p>Comm. copy of tel. no 1336 of July 15th. from Palestine refing. to tel. no 1539 (E6278/48(C) &amp; discussing the President Warfield Question.</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p>(E6358)</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>This telegram was discussed at a meeting of representatives of the C.O., F.O. Admiralty and Cabinet Office, when an agreed reply was drafted. This has now been sent as C.O. telegram no 1559 (E6358)</p>	
<p>References.</p>	<p>(Print.)</p> <p>See also.</p> <p>1) Tel. no 1559 of July 16th. from C.O. to Palestine</p> <p>2) Tel. of 17th from C.O. to Palestine</p> <p>3) Tel. 1364 of 18th from Palestine</p> <p>4) Tel. 1356 of 18th from Palestine</p> <p>5) Tel. 1548 of 18th from C.O. to Palestine</p> <p>6) Tel. 1362 of 19th from Palestine</p> <p>7) Tel. 1361 of 19th from Palestine</p> <p>8) Tel. 1586 of 19th to Palestine</p> <p>9) Tel. 1376 of 20th from Palestine</p>	
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This document must be paraphrased if the communication of its contents to any person outside Government Service is authorised.

Cypher

FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D.15th July, 1947.

R.15th " " 17.35 hrs.

MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 1336 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Cyprus No. 134.

" " Paris (Secretary of State please pass as my telegram No. 974).

" " Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean No. 975.

" " " " Middle East Land Forces No. 976.

" " P.S.T.O. Mediterranean (Commander-in-Chief please pass as my No. 977).

Your telegram No. 1539.

PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

I have discussed with Commodore, Palestine. I agree that immigrants should be transferred to 3 fitted cargo ships and returned to France. Steps will be taken accordingly. Naval view is that because of size and speed of this ship, its arrest will prove most difficult of any such operations yet carried out, and they cannot guarantee its success.

2. The question of return of PRESIDENT WARFIELD is an intricate problem but Commodore is prepared to attempt to tow her. A possible alternative is to "persuade" her own crew to run her back if she is seaworthy. Commodore is uncertain

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whether any crew could be found but is taking this up urgently. He would require Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's authority to immobilise a corvette, which is only possible source. In any event, PRESIDENT WARFIELD could not arrive at French port for some days after the other 3 ships.

3. I think it is unlikely that it will be possible to leave any immigrants on board the S.S. PRESIDENT WARFIELD. Commodore is definitely of opinion that trans-shipment at sea off Southern France is not feasible and is out of the question.

4. If it is necessary for all four ships to reach French port together, I would suggest that the transports should be sent, in the first instance, to Malta, where they could wait for the necessary time for PRESIDENT WARFIELD to catch up. They could not be held here. Obvious objections delaying transports will no doubt be weighed against the advantage of simultaneous arrival French port. I should be grateful for your very early views on this point.

5. This is condition to be kept secret after transports had passed Cyprus, since we should be questioned as the result of their non arrival there, but I shall do my best to keep our intentions secret up to that time.

6. Your paragraph 7. Ships are RUNNYMEDE PARK, EMPIRE RIVAL and OCEAN VIGOUR and possibly PRESIDENT WARFIELD. Details of first three will be telegraphed Paris. Understand PRESIDENT WARFIELD 528 ft. in length and 17 ft. draught.

7. General Officer Commanding is dealing with your paragraph 8.

8. It may be expected that local reaction to this operation will be very severe, particularly among Hagana.

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No. 10 Downing Street  
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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S. COLONIES.

Sent 18th July, 1947. 15.30 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

TOP SECRET AND PERSONAL 18th July.

Your telegram No. 1348.

I understand that MacGillivray has already handed Mohn a copy of Harris' memorandum explaining its nature and on understanding that it could be shown to Sandstrom and Bunche, but would go no further. I approve his action in doing so and I agree that the memorandum should be issued to the Committee as a confidential document, but there would appear to be advantage in delaying presentation until the Committee get down to work at Geneva, thus avoiding embarrassing repercussions which may be expected in the event of leakage while in Jerusalem.

2. Question of communication to Committee of records of Brock-Grady discussions and High Commissioner's reply to Questionnaire from Secretary of State will require further examination here and I welcome your proposal to send MacGillivray home for discussion on the way to Geneva.

3. In view of indications that minds of majority of Committee are turning in direction of partition as suggested in Gurney's letter to Martin of 9th July, arrangements which would be necessary for drafting of any instruments required in event of partition are being discussed with Gibson. This does not of course prejudice question whether His Majesty's Government would themselves accept responsibility for carrying such a decision. Assume that MacGillivray will be equipped as fully as possible at Geneva to deal with questions regarding detailed application of various forms of partition.

4. I shall of course be glad to be informed by telegram if any further indications are received of lines on which minds of members of Committee are working.

Distributed to:-

M.S. 25.  
Secretary of State.  
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Mr. Martin.  
Sir C. Jeffries.  
Mr. Blackburne.  
Mr. Gutch.  
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Mr. Trafford Smith.  
Mr. Matheson.  
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Cypher (D.Y.F.)

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)  
FROM S. OF S. COLONIES.

Sent 16th July, 1947. 18.45 hrs.

TOP SECRET.

MOST IMMEDIATE.  
No. 1559.

Addressed to High Commissioner, Palestine.  
Repeated most immediate to Governor, Cyprus No. 348  
" H.M. Embassy, Paris  
" C.-in-C., Mediterranean  
" C.-in-C., M.E.L.F.  
" F.S.T.O., Mediterranean.

Your telegram No. 1336.

PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

In view of difficulties of intercepting and sending back President Warfield which are fully appreciated here, further consideration has been given to question of return of ship herself.

2. It is now agreed that there is no (repeat no) need to return the ship if she cannot be used as transport for immigrants back to France.

3. Your paragraph 4. The ideal is simultaneous arrival of all transport in France as soon as possible, but it is on balance more important that all ships carrying immigrants should arrive together than that they should arrive quickly. Ships carrying illegal immigrants must not (repeat not) call at Malta owing to absence of legal cover for detention there.

4. Your paragraph 5. It is essential that every effort should be made to keep destination of ships secret /until

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until they have arrived off French coast or until destination is revealed by French Government. I realise that some embarrassment may be caused by questions both in Palestine and London when ships have passed Cyprus, but none the less true destination cannot be disclosed.

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S. COLONIES

D. 18th July, 1947.  
R. 18th " " 23.40 hrs.

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No. 1364 Top Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S.  
Repeated to Ambassador Paris No. 1005.  
" " Governor, Cyprus No. 140.  
" " C. in-C., M.E.L.F. No. 1003.  
" " C. in-C., Mediterranean No. 1007.  
" " P.S.F.O., Mediterranean No. 1003.

Your telegrams No. 1571 and No. 1573.

PRESIDENT WASHINGTON.

Transportation is expected to be completed early tomorrow morning 19th July. As stated in paragraph 4 of my telegram no. 1556 I cannot hold these immigrants in Haifa. I shall be therefore glad to know by noon 19th July at the latest whether French are prepared to accept them: for you will readily appreciate the unfortunate consequences which might occur in the event of it becoming necessary to recall transports after they had passed Cyprus.

Capacity of the three available transports is 4,500 (repeat 4,500): no excess of immigrants is therefore anticipated.

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TO S. OF S. COLONIES.

D. 18th July, 1947.

R. 18th " " 14.55 hrs.

IMMEDIATE.

No. 1356. Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S., Colonies.

Repeated to Paris (S. of S. please pass as my No. 298).

Your telegram No. 1560.

PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

Vessel approached Palestinian coast during the night of 17th/18th July in the neighbourhood of the Egyptian frontier. Naval boarding party was opposed with tear smoke, but successfully obtained control of the ship after overcoming strong resistance. Position at 10.00 hours local time this morning some 20 miles West of Tel Aviv, making for Haifa. E.T.A. Haifa 13.30 hours today.

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S. COLONIES.

Sent 18th July, 1947. 17.00 hrs.

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No. 1578

Addressed to High Commissioner, Palestine.  
Repeated most immediate to Governor, Cyprus, No. 351  
Ambassador, Paris.  
Com-C., Mediterranean.  
Com-C., M.E.L.F.  
P.S.T.O., Mediterranean.

My telegram No. 1559.

**PRESIDENT WARFIELD**

Please report by most immediate telegram time of departure of ships for France. I understand from press report that approximately 4,500 are on board. As so large a number presumably cannot be carried by the three transports available, grateful to know plans for dealing with excess.

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FROM BALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S. COLONIES.

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D. 19th July, 1947.  
E. 19th " " 07.00 hrs.

DATE DUE:

No. 1362 Secret.

Please pass to Paris as my telegram No. 1004.

By telegram No. 7396,

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Vessel docked at Haifa at approximately 1600 hours and disembarkation is proceeding peacefully.

8. During the morning the vessel transmitted on radio statement that 4 illegal immigrants had been killed, 20 seriously wounded of whom 5 not expected to live, and 100 injured. Considerable tension in Tel Aviv followed and shops closed but re-opened later.

3. I have no firm information as yet as to casualties suffered by the Navy or by the passengers. Preliminary reports speak of 1 passenger dead or wounded. Navy fired one single shot and one short burst of automatic fire at 2 persons endangering the lives of the boarding party.

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D. 19th July, 1947.

R. 19th " " 13.45 hrs.

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" P.S.T.O. Mediterranean No. 1011

" (C. in C. Mediterranean please pass).

" Ambassador Paris (S. of S. please pass as my No. 1012).

My telegram No. 1365.

Transports sailed from Haifa 06.00 hours 19th July.  
with the following illegal Jewish Immigrants on board:-

OCEAN VIGOUR 657 males  
558 females  
259 children

plus 10 males and 10 females stretcher cases.

RUNNYMEDE PARK 546 males  
443 females  
405 children

plus 15 females stretcher cases.

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Ambassador, Paris.

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C.-in-C., Mediterranean.

" P.S.T.O., Mediterranean.

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Government are being informed today that  
left Haifa en route for French port.

He hoped that this information will induce French to give definite answer whether they will accept or not.

ships cannot be held in Haifa for say 48 hours  
period some indication of French reaction should  
they should sail on assumption that French  
I agree. I will of course keep you closely  
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D. 20th July, 1947.

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Paris telegram to Foreign Office No. 712.

My telegram No. 1374 contains particulars of transshipment.

2. In order to prevent ship beaching on Palestine coast Navy found it necessary to commence boarding outside territorial waters. Exact position not yet definitely ascertained. Vessel was brought under control within three mile limit.

4. Palestine Post today carried story by American pressman Rev. J.S. Grauer who travelled on board the vessel. Grauer states inter alia "WARFIELD" loaded at Port Sette 9 days

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ago. When ship was loaded, French refused to let us leave, but one (corrupt group ?night) the crew took matters into their own hands and departed from a harbour thought impossible to get out of without tugs.

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Embassy.

Paris.

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11 July

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'Repoulement' of Illegal Immigrants.  
 Refers Paris despatch 568 (E 5881/48/11)  
 Transmits copy of letter to M. Bousquet from  
 Ashley Clarke of 11 July referring to  
 certain divergencies which have crept into  
 the translation of Mr Ashley Clarke's letter  
 of May 29

Last Paper.

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References.

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Next Paper.

6374

(Minutes.)

B.U. on return of p.p.

18/7

Mr. Ashley Clarke's original letter is  
 in E 4377 and M. Bousquet's in E 5881.  
 There is so little connection between  
 French promises and French actions  
 that I do not think we need  
 bother ourselves unduly over minor  
 discrepancies between one promise  
 and another.

J.E. Cable

(J.E. CABLE)

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Paris  
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A.  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned  
documents.

British... Embassy  
Paris

11th July, 1947

Reference to previous correspondence:

Paris Printed despatch No. 568 of 26th June, 1947.  
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of letter to M. Bousquet from Mr. Ashley Clarke dated 11th July, 1947.	Jewish illegal immigration.

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72/398/47

Paris.

11th July, 1947.

On my return from leave I was glad to take note of your communications to me of the 26th June regarding illicit Jewish immigration to Palestine, for which I thank you.

For purposes of record, however, I would draw your attention to the fact that certain divergencies have crept into the translation of my letter of 29th May which you enclosed in your letter of 26th June.

For example, the last line of the first paragraph of my letter has been replaced by a reference to the 1929 Convention and the French law of 1933. The second and third sentences of the first paragraph on page 2 of my letter, describing action we had taken to meet your wishes, have been omitted. The last sentence of the penultimate paragraph, regarding your willingness to consider the return to France of illegal immigrants admitted to France under the quota of 8,000 has also been omitted.

While happily these discrepancies do not affect the basis of our agreement, I felt I should bring them to your notice both for the sake of good order and in case the Foreign Office should wish to revert to these points at some later stage.

H. Ashley Clarke

Monsieur Bousquet,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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11th July 1947.

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My dear Cable,

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Yours ever,

Geoffrey A. Crossley

J. E. Cable, Esq.,  
Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office.

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REPUBLICQUE FRANCAISE

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MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES  
ETRANGERES.

Paris, le 8 Juillet 1947.

Direction des Conventions  
Administratives et Sociales.

No. C.A.3

Mon cher Collègue,

Me référant à votre lettre 72/271/47 du 29 mai relative au contrôle de l'émigration clandestine vers la Palestine, j'ai le plaisir de vous faire savoir que le Haut-Commissaire Français en Autriche me confirme avoir pris des mesures semblables à celles mises en oeuvre en Allemagne par le général Koenig. Elles sont en application en Autriche depuis de nombreux mois.

C'est ainsi que la section P.D.R. se tient en liaison étroite avec les sections Sécurité (Circulation) et transports pour tous les convois qui transitent par la zone ou sont originaires de la zone.

Par ailleurs, la Section P.D.R. prend contact avec la Direction P.D.R. de Baden pour tous les convois devant transiter par la zone française d'Allemagne.

Enfin les instructions précédemment données ont été renouvelées pour que tout convoi de personnes déplacées ou de réfugiés non signalés par la Section P.D.R. soit considéré comme irrégulier par les Services de Sécurité et des Chemins de Fer et bloqués aux limites de la zone.

Malheureusement, en ce qui concerne le refoulement des convois illégaux vers la zone américaine, la réponse que je viens de recevoir de l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis à nos démarches n'est pas entièrement satisfaisante.

Les Autorités américaines se disent, il est vrai, disposées à coopérer pour empêcher les départs clandestins de leurs zones en Allemagne et Autriche. Elles assurent qu'une constante vigilance est exercée aux frontières et dans l'intérieur des zones. Mais, en ce qui concerne les refoulements, elles n'acceptent de recevoir que les individus appréhendés par les forces de surveillance françaises au moment de leur passage de la frontière de zone, quand il est prouvé que ces individus venaient de la zone américaine et ne faisaient pas que transiter à travers celle-ci. Elles regrettent de ne pouvoir recevoir les émigrants clandestins lorsqu'ils ne sont pas refoulés au moment même de leur tentative de passage de la frontière.

Je vous serais obligé de m'indiquer si vous avez reçu de votre côté une réponse similaire et si vous n'estimez pas nécessaire d'intervenir, à nouveau, auprès des autorités américaines pour tenter d'obtenir de leur part, une plus large mesure de coopération./.

Amicalement

RAYMOND BOUSQUET.

Monsieur Ashley CLARKE  
Ministre Plénipotentiaire  
Conseiller de l'Ambassade de Grande-Bretagne.

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Next Paper.

E 6448

S.S. President Warfield

Discusses the question of the  
publicity that should be given  
about this vessel from  
Jerusalem.

(Minutes.)

This has been reported to Paris,  
Jerusalem, who are being instructed by  
C.O. to "inform Paris as fully and as  
quickly as possible."

Please enter white

H.3. 19/7

Western Dept.

Paris Dept (H.3. 19/7)

Now see E6712

The Press Attache in Paris is  
much, still planning to place articles giving  
our side of the picture in the French  
Press. I have told W.E.I.D who are in  
touch with him to consult Eastern  
Department.

John Wilson

2 August

We have given both Information  
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The specific point is being dealt with on W.E.I.D. papers.

John W. L. W.  
9 Aug.  
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DIPLOMATIC (SECRET)

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper  
No. 712  
July 18th, 1947.

D. 7.25 p.m. July 18th, 1947.  
R. 8.36 p.m. July 18th, 1947.

SSSSS

MOST IMMEDIATE

TOP SECRET

LIGHT

President Warfield.

We presume that you are making arrangements for full facts about President Warfield to be given out from Jerusalem. We suggest exclusive Reuter story based if possible on interview with one of passengers. Story should begin with departure from Sete describing arrival of passengers, escape from guard by cutting moorings, running aground etc. Overcrowded conditions on board should no doubt be strongly emphasised with comparisons e.g. number of passengers and crew carried by Queen Elizabeth in relation to tonnage.

2. Palestine authorities will doubtless give full details of actual operation of stopping and unloading President Warfield with particular reference to Jewish allegations that she was stopped 17 miles outside territorial waters. Extent to which our measures were solely taken in reply to Jewish action should be given prominence.

3. It is essential that no reference should be made to French undertakings to us since this could only make more difficult task of securing French agreement to return of President Warfield's passengers to France. Fact that return is in contemplation should in no circumstances be mentioned.

Copy to News Department.

[Advance copy sent to News Department]

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21/7 1947.  
11.30 A.M.

Immediate

There is one ~~report~~ episode in the story of the President Warfield on which we are not adequately informed. This is the sequence of events between the departure of the ship from Marseilles and her departure from Sète. Your telegram no. 67 to Marseilles refers, as do Marseilles telegrams to you no. 72 and no. 73.

2. Please send us a fuller account by telegram.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS.

No. 1649.

D. 11.30 a.m. 21st July 1947.

21st July 1947.

W:W:W:W:W

IMMEDIATE.

There is one episode in the story of the "President Warfield" on which we are not adequately informed. This is the sequence of events between the departure of the ship from Marseilles and her departure from Sète. Your telegram No. 67 to Marseilles refers, as do Marseilles telegrams to you No. 72 and No. 73.

2. Please send us a fuller account by telegram.

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 Cairo 1390  
 Damascus 378  
 The Hague 660  
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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper

No. 713

18th July, 1947

D. 7.50 p.m. 18th July, 1947

R. 9.31 p.m. 18th July, 1947

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IMMEDIATE

SECRET

LIGHT

My telegram No. 699. E 6448 / 79

President Warfield.

I learn from Ministry of Foreign Affairs that M. Bidault forwarded to the Prime Minister letter mentioned in second paragraph and discussed matter with him. Prime Minister's decision has not yet been received. Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been informed that ships will be ready to sail from Palestine 20th July with passengers from President Warfield.

2. Although I presume that at this stage you would not wish to reconsider plan to send these Jews back to France I feel it my duty to warn you that even if publicity on lines suggested in my immediately preceding telegram has maximum effect there will inevitably be strongly hostile reaction not only in Communist but possibly also in Socialist press. Forcible removal of over 4,000 of these miserable creatures from British ships at a French port is likely to provide lurid anti-British propaganda to which French public opinion may well be receptive in view of memories of German persecution of Jews under occupation. Man in street is totally ignorant of Palestine problems and sees only in these illicit immigrants survivors of a persecuted race seeking refuge in their national home.

3. It is therefore of utmost importance that facts of case including particularly overcrowding in defiance of International conventions and humanitarian considerations as well as iniquity of whole organisation which arranges these journeys should be made amply clear by all publicity means.

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Your telegram no 713 [of  
18th July: the President Warfield]

You will see from our  
telegram no 1434 about publicity  
in connection with the President  
Warfield that ~~nothing is to~~  
~~be released~~ no reference is to  
be made to the return of her  
passengers to France except on  
explicit instructions from me.

2. Before authorising any  
publicity on this aspect of the  
affair, I should like to consult  
the wishes of the French Government.

/Pless  
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We are naturally anxious to cause them as little embarrassment as possible. <sup>Phase</sup> I should <sup>therefore</sup>

as possible. <sup>Phase</sup> I should <sup>therefore</sup>,  
like you, as soon as you consider  
it opportune, ~~to~~ draw their  
attention to the problem of  
presenting the facts to the  
public, and ~~to~~ say that  
we should therefore like to know  
their views and so far as possible  
to concert our publicity with theirs.

3. If the news were to leak before this consultation ~~were to~~ <sup>had taken</sup> take place, we should of course have to take action at once.

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SECRET.

*Immediate*

Date 19 July, 1947.

SECRET.

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Draft Telegram.

IMMEDIATE to:-

PARIS 1634 ✓  
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Washington 1309 ✓  
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Athens 1583 ✓  
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Damascus 378 ✓  
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Repeat IMPORTANT  
to High Commis-  
sioner Palestine.

Copies I.I.P.

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You will be aware from press reports of the interception in Palestine waters of the S.S. President Warfield with 4,554 Jewish illegal immigrants on board.

2. This ship, whose gross tonnage is 1,814 (not 4,500 as reported in the <sup>London</sup> press), is owned by the West ~~an~~ Trading Company of New York and sailed under the Honduran flag. She arrived in Spezia on 24th April in ballast from New York via Marseilles. While in Spezia she picked up stores and fuel illicitly and attempted to load immigrants, but was unable to do so owing to the <sup>helpful attitude</sup> cooperation of the Italian authorities. She left Spezia with a certificate valid for coast-wise traffic only on 12th June and arrived at Caronte 14th June where she took on 315 tons of fuel oil.

3. The vessel left Caronte on 9th July for Sète where she embarked her illegal immigrants. She was forbidden to sail by the French authorities on the grounds that her navigation certificate issued by them was valid only for voyages in fair weather without either cargo or passengers, but at 6 a.m. on 11th July she cut her cables and sailed for Palestine.

4. While the Secretary of State was in Paris, he spoke ~~personally to Monsieur Bidault~~ <sup>to M. Bidault</sup> about this ship, who agreed to the return of her passengers to France, but this verbal assurance has not yet been confirmed by the French Government. Her passengers left Haifa at 6 a.m. on 19th July in the British cargo/

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cargo ships "Empire Rival", "Ocean Vigour" and "Runnymede Park" on their way to France.

Provided the French Government agree, they should reach a French port on 24th or 25th July.

5. The fact that Monsieur Bidault <sup>personally</sup> agreed to the return of the passengers and that we are actually returning them, must not (repeat not) on any account be disclosed until you receive further instructions. If the French Government refuse to accept them, they <sup>yet</sup> may ~~still~~ have to be turned back <sup>to</sup> CYPRUS.

6. You may, however, allow your press attachés to make use of the information in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. They should stress the inhumanity of the Jewish organisers in their gross overcrowding of the President Warfield. The number of passengers on this tiny ship might usefully be compared to that normally carried by the "Queen Elizabeth" or other vessels of her size. You should contrast this with British treatment exemplified by use of three ships each larger than the President Warfield for their return. You should also refer to the International ~~Conventions~~ <sup>that</sup> for the Safety of Life at Sea and <sup>that</sup> respecting load lines, and draw attention to the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations urging its members to ~~refrain~~ from action calculated to exacerbate the situation in Palestine. You should stress that casualties incurred by illegal immigrants ~~during the boarding of this ship~~ were due to the violent resistance offered by them. ~~If pressed to explain her interception outside territorial waters, you may state that this was authorised by Honduran Government.~~

7. If/

when the ship was intercepted off the coast of Palestine

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7. If this incident provokes sufficient interest we shall make it the occasion for the maximum publicity possible by the B.B.C. and on the L.P.S. and you should therefore telegraph immediately extracts from the press suitable for this purpose.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO HIS MAJESTY'S  
REPRESENTATIVES AT:-

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ROME, NO. 1586;  
WASHINGTON, NO. 7309;  
NEW YORK (U.K. DELEGATION) NO. 2227;  
ATHENS, NO. 1583;  
BEIRUT, NO. 474;  
BELGRADE, NO. 1599;  
BRUSSELS, NO. 481;  
BUCHAREST, NO. 715;  
BUDAPEST, NO. 944;  
CAIRO, NO. 1390;  
DAMASCUS, NO. 378;  
THE HAGUE, NO. 660;  
LISBON, NO. 442;  
MADRID, NO. 520;  
MOSCOW, NO. 2489;  
PRAGUE, NO. 878;  
SOFIA, NO. 913;  
STOCKHOLM, NO. 627;  
WARSAW, NO. 997.

IMMEDIATE.

IMPORTANT.

19th July 1947. D. 10.40 p.m. 19th July 1947.  
Repeated to High Commissioner Palestine (Important).

W:W:W:W:W

IMMEDIATE.

SECRET.

You will be aware from press reports of the  
interception in Palestine waters of the S.S. President  
Warfield with 4,554 Jewish illegal immigrants on board.

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E6148/49K  
 Immediate [to ports underlined] <sup>Date</sup> 21/7 (B)  
 Tel. to: <sup>Despatch</sup> Important [to other ports] 3 40 AM  
 Paris 1656 1656 My immediately preceding telegram. 88  
~~The "President Warfield".~~  
 Following is text.  
 The S.S. "President Warfield" left the Harbour of Sète in Southern France on the 11th July with 4,500 Jewish passengers who were attempting to enter Palestine illegally. The ship was intercepted a week later off the coast of Palestine and her passengers are now being sent back to France. This action has been taken in accordance with normal international procedure and in agreement with the French Government. The "President Warfield", which was totally unfitted to carry so large a number of passengers, is not being used for the return journey. Her passengers are now travelling in three British transports, each of which is has a greater capacity than the "President Warfield".  
 The practice of returning shiploads of illegal immigrants to their ports of departure was discontinued during the war and has not previously been revived since the end of hostilities. This was due to the exceptional circumstances of the time and did not imply any renunciation by H.M. Government of their right to take this action.  
 It will be noted that the co-operation of the French Government in this instance is also in harmony with the request issued through the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Member States that they should take the strictest precautions to prevent the departure from their ports of Jews attempting to enter Palestine illegally.  
 Jerusalem  
 En clair  
 Dpl. no. 2  
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Beirut 1511

Belgrade 1611

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Cairo 1395

Damascus 380

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July 21st, 1947.

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President Truman  
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An editorial reprinted from The Washington Post, July 23, 1947

## EXODUS 1947

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Decisions are sometimes made in the detachment of foreign offices without a realization of their impact in terms of human anguish. This must have been one of those. It is not yet too late to amend it. If President Truman and Secre-

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Britain need stay her hand for only a little longer. An interim report from the U. N. Commission, in all the circumstances of the tension, ought to be forthcoming soon. There is reason to hope that it will afford a solution more generous and more humane.

I have just returned from a long visit to Palestine, and I wish to point out that the Jews in Palestine are heroically determined to receive their homeless brothers and sisters from Europe.

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## ANGELA PHILLIPS TO BECOME BRIDE

Alumna of Skidmore Engaged to Richard Sturgis Suter, Son of Washington Dean

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Phillips of 66 Park Avenue and Southport, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Richard Sturgis Suter, son of the Very Rev. John W. Suter, dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, in Washington, and Mrs. Suter.

The prospective bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. A. Lawrence Phillips of this city and the late Mr. Phillips, and Mrs. Ernest Fahnestock of Rumson, N. J., and the late Edward Perry. She is a great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Ritzema De Grove of New York.

Miss Phillips attended the Chapin School and was graduated from the Wykeham Rise School and Skidmore College. She is the sister of Miss Marion Phillips, Lawrence Phillips Jr. and Edward Perry Phillips. Their father is director of the Du Mont Television Network.

Mr. Suter was graduated from Harvard in 1941. During the war he served first with the Army Air Forces and subsequently with G-2 of the Twelfth Army Group in the Normandy invasion and in the German campaign.

He is on special assignment in Washington and in the autumn will resume post-graduate work at Columbia University. The bridegroom-elect is a grandson of Mrs. William C. Sturgis of Boston and Annasquam, Mass., and the late Mr. Sturgis.

### Hemmings—Hogan

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. William Jones Hemmings of Brooklyn of the engagement of their daughter, Jane Anne, to John Scott Hogan, son of Mrs. Ann C. Hogan of Brooklyn. The wedding will take place early in the autumn.

Mr. Hogan, who served in the Army Air Forces during the war, was graduated from La Salle Military Academy in Oakdale, L. I., and is attending Fordham University.

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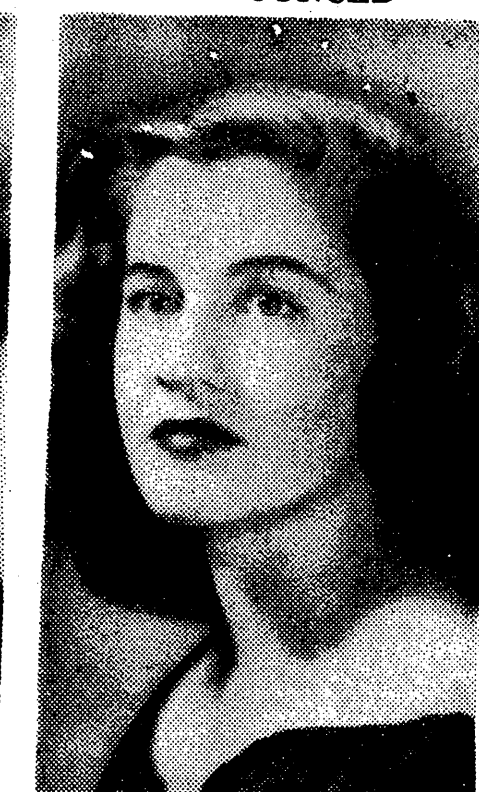
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Miss Angela Phillips  
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## EDNA TAFT FIANCEE OF ARMY VETERAN

She Will Be Bride in Norwalk Aug. 3 of John V. Rice—Both With War Assets Unit

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NORWALK, Conn., July 24—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Edna Pauline Taft, daughter of Mrs. George Orrin Platt of this city and the late H. Arthur Taft of Washington, D. C., to John V. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rice of East Elmhurst, L. I.

The wedding will take place on Aug. 3 at the home of the bride-elect's mother. The couple will live in Arizona.

Miss Taft was educated at the College of William and Mary, Barnard College, the Columbia Graduate School and the University of Toulouse, France. During the war she held a post in the Office of Censorship, and she is now with the War Assets Administration in New York.

Mr. Rice served for three years with the Quartermaster Corps of the Army, two years of that time in combat zones on New Guinea and Luzon. He is with the War Assets Administration.

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Miss McMahon, an alumna of the College of New Rochelle, is a member of the faculty of the Center Junior High School here.

Her fiancé, a member of the Chemistry Department of the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in White Plains, N. Y., received his B. S., M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Fordham University. He has studied also at Princeton, Columbia and the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and has taught at Eastern High

## WORK BY HONEGGER IS PLAYED AT LENOX

Premiere of 'Symphony for Strings' Marks First of Programs in Berkshire Festival

By OLIN DOWNES  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LENOX, Mass., July 24—The first concert of the Boston Symphony series of the Berkshire Music Festival was given tonight in the Music Shed, Dr. Koussevitzky conducting, with an audience which far outnumbered the seating capacity of the outdoor auditorium and heard the first festival performance of Honegger's "Symphony for Strings" as the beginning of the program.

This symphony, composed in Paris in 1941 during the German occupation, is a work of extraordinary workmanship and feeling. Mr. Honegger, who habitually jests and who does not carry his heart on his sleeve, told the writer that people were mistaken who read into his final movement, with the entrance of the solo trumpet in its concluding measures, an effect of defiance.

"I simply decided," he said, "that, as the score stood, the melody carried by the first violins would be over-balanced by the other voices, so I strengthened the part of the violins with the first trumpet—the best instrument, I think, for doubling, under such circumstances."

### Unable to Attend Concert

Mr. Honegger, unfortunately confined to his bed here and therefore unable to attend the concert, added that his French colleagues had found the earlier movements of the symphony rather somber, "but then, the time in Paris was not too cheerful."

Mr. Honegger may tell, if he pleases, to his grandmother. The symphony is written with intense emotion, at the same time stark and powerful to a degree in the carrying through of the ideas. The evolution of a very simple, germinal motive for the violas at the beginning proceeds not only in markedly organic, but in very dramatic fashion. Melodic and rhythmic unfoldments of this theme predominate in the opening movement, unmistakably expressive as well as constructive purposes.

It can properly be said that a listener need not be particularly interested in the machinery of a composition, and that he is concerned, first and last, with what it says. But in this work admiration for its structure mingles with the thrill communicated by its emotional content. It is tragic music, rising at times to pitch of extreme tension and not the less eloquent for the dissonance of its counterpoint and its frequently polyharmonic method.

The slow movement, in the lyrical vein, continues to unfold melodic elements contained in the opening idea richly developed, in wholly new ways, and with variation and given, to the low strings a la Passacaglia.

But, again, one thinks past the mastery means employed to the poignancy of the expression. As for the finale, whether Mr. Honegger wishes to "blague" about it or not; whether, even, he is sincere in his blithe statement that it is nothing to do with such an idea, it is in fact music of extraordinary defiance. Nor has the immensely effective entrance of the trumpet, at the end, any less than the effect of the finale of the resolution.

### MISS SHARON BETROTHED

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## THE SCREEN

'The Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer,' in Which Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple Are Principals, at the Music Hall

By BOSLEY CROWTHER

We wouldn't be able to tell you whether Sidney Sheldon, the fellow who wrote "The Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer," which came to the Music Hall yesterday, has suffered personal harassment at the hands of modern youth. But whether he has or hasn't, he certainly understands that dreadful fate. And, furthermore, he knows how to make it seem delightfully bewildering on the screen—which may not be wholly consistent but which makes for most agreeable film fare.

For, in "The Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer," Mr. Sheldon has caught the wry frenzy of a gay, debonnaire, indifferent and slightly naughty man-about-town who suddenly finds himself the victim of a fanciful high-school girl's crush—than which no other attachment of a female is more profound. And he has also invented a hilarious sequence of events by which the baffled hero must submit to the willful child's designs. As a consequence—and while the swoony fever is upon the bashless tot—this poor, victimized bystander is taken for a most amazing ride.

Detailed descriptions are annoying, so we're not going to mar your fun with a windy report on how the bachelor is snagged in the bobby-soxer's snare, how he is innocently compromised by a twist on the old Army game, how he is made to romp with the kiddies and how he finally gets out of it. (The bobby-soxer has an older sister who is a judge; we will tell you that much.) Neither will we go into spasms over the events at a high-school picnic and the gall of the younger generation. We will let you go into them yourself.

But we must tell you that the performance of Cary Grant as the gentleman involved is one of the brightest and sharpest of his many years ago. And a higher recommendation we can't give to a light summer show.

On the stage at the Music Hall is a revue, "Melody Time," featuring Paul Hackett, Marjorie Williamson, Ken Davidson (badman expert) and the Parks, plus the Corps de Ballet, choral ensemble and the dancing Rockettes.

### Right Wins Out in 'Wyoming'

Although it is difficult to keep accurate count at this late date, it is safe to assume that the manufacturers of Westerns have just about run out of place names for titles in their numerous revisions of the history of the Old West. But apparently there is no dearth of worthy and sturdy enough, and "Wyoming," which clattered into the Globe yesterday, is using the one about the pioneer ranchers shooting it out with the hordes of homesteaders who flocked into the newly created state.

Of course, William Elliott, who is head man among the ranchers, has a few other things under his spotless Stetson. There is that matter of wholesale rustling being arranged by that deep-dyed dastard, Albert Dekker, and a lovely, blonde daughter whose affections keep vacillating between Daddy Elliott and boy friend John Carroll among those pioneer Westerns.



Cary Grant in "The Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer."

THE BACHELOR AND THE BOBBY-SOXER: original screen play by Sidney Sheldon; directed by Irving Raskin; produced by Dore Schary for RKO Radio. At the Music Hall: Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple, Rudy Vallée, Dick Lenoir, Harry Davenport, Jerry Colonna, Don Beddoe, Lillian Randolph, Dan Tobin, William Bakewell, Irving Bacon, Ian Bernard, Anthony Herman, Carol Hughes, William Hall, Gregory Gay.

wise attractive as the solemn but flexible judge and Rudy Vallée is remarkably comic as a humorless suitor for her hand.

And we also must tell you that the texture of Mr. Sheldon's farce is firm and uncloyed with cuteness, which is just the way it should be, and that Irving Reis' direction has kept it in that solid shape. In fact, it is all reminiscent of some of those gay, galvanic larks that Gregory LaCava and Leo McCarey used to make ten or twenty years ago. And a higher recommendation we can't give to a light summer show.

Paramount has loaned De Forest Kelly to the Apex Film Corporation to appear with Charles Russell, Trudy Marshall, Douglas Dumbrille and Pierre Watkin in a fifty-minute religious film which Apex is producing on contract for the Protestant Film Commission, an organization supported by nineteen Protestant denominations. The picture, "Beyond Your Own," is a discussion of American lay evangelism and it is the first of three films which Jack Chertok of Apex will produce for the film commission.

Mr. Elliott, a cowpoke opera veteran, is at home in the saddle and handling his twin Colts, while Mr. Dekker is as only a villain as ever cheated a homesteader of his rights. Mr. Carroll is dour as the trusty foreman, while Vera Ralston, as the daughter, is a pretty blonde who is as implausible among those pioneer Westerns.

## NEBENZAL TO FILM 'HOMEWARD ANGEL'

Will Produce Thomas Wolfe's Novel, Working With Ripley and Monter on Picture

By THOMAS F. BRADY  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 24—Seymour Nebenzal announced today that he would produce the long-projected film version of Thomas Wolfe's "Look Homeward Angel," this fall in conjunction with Arthur Ripley and Rudolph Monter, who have owned the screen rights to the 1929 novel since 1944. David O. Selznick, for whom Ripley and Monter were to have made the picture, has released the property to the Nebenzal company, retaining only a \$175,000 security interest in the project because of advances he made to Ripley and Monter for the original purchase of the novel and for pre-production work on it, Monter disclosed today.

When Monter and Ripley bought "Look Homeward Angel" from the Wolfe estate in 1944, Erskine Caldwell was engaged to write the screen adaptation, but Ripley subsequently took over the scenarist's job. After two years of preparation, including photographing background material in North Carolina, the locale of the novel, Selznick notified Ripley and Monter that he could see no immediate prospect of filming the story and suggested that they seek another production affiliation.

As a result they negotiated the Nebenzal deal, which provides that Ripley will direct the picture, that Monter will serve as associate producer and that they will share in the profits of the film, which United Artists will release.

Sidney Franklin has been assigned by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to prepare a post-war sequel to "Mrs. Miniver" as a vehicle for Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, who appeared in the original picture, a 1942 exposition of British wartime courage. Franklin produced "Mrs. Miniver" but the suggestion for the sequel came from Miss Garson, according to the studio.

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### Of Local Origin

"Cry Wolf," starring Errol Flynn and Barbara Stanwyck, begins a second week today at the New York Strand. . . . Revivals and second runs: "Anna and the King of Siam" and "Shock," at the Eighty-sixth Street Grande; "Colonel Blimp," at the Art; "Dead of Night," at the Sutton; "It Happened in Brooklyn" and "Undercover Maise," at the Colony; "Stallion Road" and "Love and Learn," at the Carlton; and "China Girl" and "Remember the Day," at the Granada. . . . The Capitol announced yesterday that "The Hucksters" has broken all weekly attendance records, with 134,475 admissions for the first week.

Barbara Stanwyck has been assigned by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to play the title role in the film of J. P. Marquand's "B. F.'s Daughter."

According to local representatives of the comedy team, Eugene and Willie Howard are to go to England to advise in the filming of a movie based on their lives, to be produced by Stark, Inc. . . . Joseph Sistrom has been signed by Universal-International to produce the screening of "Bloomer Girl." . . . Two British documentary films, "Children on Trial," dealing with juvenile delinquency, and "School for Danger," telling of British intelligence, are slated for showing at the Gotham early next month. It was announced by English Films, Inc.

### TO OFFER NEW OPERA

Salzburg Festival Will Feature Work by Austrian Composer

VIENNA, July 24 (AP)—The Salzburg festival, which opens Sunday will break with tradition this year with the world premiere of a new opera, "Danton's Death," written by Gotfried Von Einem, Austrian composer.

In the past the world-famous festival has been devoted to classical works of the old masters. "Danton's Death," a story of the French Revolution, is entirely modern. Von Einem conceived the idea for his first opera while serving a jail sentence imposed on him and his father by the Nazis in 1938.

Otto Klemperer, for many years director of the Los Angeles philharmonic orchestra, will direct the Vienna State Opera orchestra and cast.

### Memorial Rites for Sam Harris

The Jewish Theatrical Guild of America will hold a memorial service Wednesday at 6 P. M. in its offices at 1564 Broadway for Sam H. Harris, theatrical producer who was vice president of the organization from its inception until his death in 1930.

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**Sarah Ann Hodgson Betrothed**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ELIZABETH, N. J., July 24—Miss and Mrs. J. Reynolds Hodgson of the Winfield Scott Hotel, this city, have made known the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Ann, to Frank H. Dittich, son of Mrs. L. Dittich Schmidt, also of Elizabeth. The wedding will take place in the autumn. Miss Hodgson attended Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, N. J. Her fiancé, a student at Rutgers University, served with the army in the European theatre.

**Child Born to Albert Y. Bernards**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
BOSTON, July 24—A daughter, her second child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yves Bernards of West Newton, Mass., Tuesday at Phillips House in this city. Mrs. Bernards is the former Miss Ethel Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eustis Potts of Willsboro, N. Y. The child, who will be named Amy Eustis, is a granddaughter also of Jean Bernards of Paris, France.

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Senior at Skidmore Is Betrothed to Richard Hall Bolton

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The prospective bride is a senior at Skidmore College. Her fiancé, an alumnus of the Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N. H., and Dartmouth College, served with the Naval Reserve in the Pacific as a communications officer during the war. He is with the research division of Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc., an advertising firm in New York.

**Alfred R. Heaths Jr. Have Child**  
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Heaths Jr. of Hewlett, L. I., on Monday at Nassau Hospital in Mineola, L. I. Mrs. Heaths is the former Miss Barbara Clafin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Clafin, also of Hewlett.

## Patricia Hunter Driggs Married Here To Dr. Claud E. McGahey of Hudson, N. Y.

The chapel of Christ Methodist Church was the setting here yesterday afternoon for the marriage of Miss Patricia Hunter Driggs, daughter of Mrs. Hans Bluntschli of Oakland, N. J., and Edmund Hope Driggs of Bronxville, N. Y., to Dr. Claud Ellis McGahey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGahey of Clarion, Iowa. The Rev. Fred R. Edgar performed the ceremony. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a pastel blue net gown, made with a bodice of lace, and a Dutch cap of lace. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and lilies of the valley.  
Miss Janet Baker of Bryn Mawr, Pa., a cousin, and Mrs. Edmund Hope Driggs 3d were the bride's attendants.  
Dr. S. Peter Sarris of Lynn, Mass., was best man for the bridegroom.  
After a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Claverack, N. Y.  
Mrs. McGahey was graduated from the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, L. I., and Russell Sage College. Her husband, an alumnus of the Northwestern University Medical School, served his internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is on the staff of the Hudson (N. Y.) Hospital.



Mrs. Claud Ellis McGahey  
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where he was a member of Hasty Pudding-Institute of 1770 and the Delphic Club. He belongs to the New York Yacht Club. In the war he served as a captain in New Guinea and the Philippines with the Army's 503d Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team.

**Millard—Zeppenfeld**  
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
NORWALK, Conn., July 24—Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Millard of this city have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Hughes, to William W. Zeppenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Zeppenfeld of St. Louis.

Miss Millard, an alumna of the School of the Holy Child in Suffern, N. Y., also attended Smith College, and was graduated from Rosemont (Pa.) College in 1945. Her fiancé, who served in the Army Air Forces during the war, is an alumnus of the University of Illinois.

**MISS SHARON BETROTHED**  
Aide of Veterans Will Become Bride of Carroll Aument Jr.

Mrs. Frederic Christy Sharon of 17 West Eighth Street has made known the engagement of her daughter, Henrietta Bruce, to Carroll Aument Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Aument of Milford, Conn.  
Miss Sharon, daughter also of the late Mr. Sharon, is a member of the Boston Junior League. She founded the Authors' Workshop for Veterans, a small group of professional writers who extend encouragement and instruction to ex-soldiers wishing to publish their experiences, and is herself author of a book, "It's Good to Be Alive."  
The prospective bridegroom, an alumnus of the Yale University School of Art, served during the war as an ambulance driver with the American Field Service in Africa, Egypt and Italy. He will begin teaching art in September at the Fieldston School.

**Daughter to Henry G. Candas Jr.**  
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenman Candas Jr. of Greenwich, Conn., on Monday in the French Hospital here. Mrs. Candas is the former Miss Delores de la Chica, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonino de la Chica of this city. The child will be named Carol Lee.

It can properly be said that a listener need not be particularly interested in the machinery of composition, and that he is concerned, first and last, with what it says. But in this work admiration for its structure mingles with the thrill communicated by its emotional content. It is tragic music, rising at times to pitch of extreme tension and the less eloquent for the dissonance of its counterpoint and its frequently polyharmonic method.

The slow movement, in the lyrical vein, continues to unfold melodic elements contained in the opening idea richly developed, this in wholly new ways, and with figuration and given to the low strings a la Passacaglia.  
But, again, one thinks past the mastery means employed to the poignancy of the expression. As for the finale, whether Mr. Honegger wishes to "blague" about it or not; whether, even, he is sincere in his blithe statement that it has nothing to do with such an idea, it is in fact music of extraordinary defiance. Nor has the immensely effective entrance of the trumpet, at the end, any less than the effect of the chorale of the resolute warrior. Incidentally, this motive, as finally given to the trumpet, has the sensation, with all the modern counterpoint placed against it, of a simple, solemn, major key chorale in the old Lutheran spirit.

**A Koussevitzky Evening**  
The music is couched in such truly heroic terms with such a complete absence of sentimentalism, or self-conscious "theatre," that it rings like the truest steel, with a most refreshing masculinity. It is of emotional realities. We consider it the strongest score of Mr. Honegger, and the one the most stripped to essentials that we have heard from him, far deeper in meaning and the most terse and concentrated of his symphonic writings.  
Doubtless the mastery performance given by Koussevitzky and the orchestra had much to do with its effect. A superb score was unfolded masterfully. One can add to this that it was a Koussevitzky evening.

He followed the Honegger composition with his famous interpretation, though it is never precisely the same interpretation, of Debussy's "La Mer." It is conducting of such glamor that, as conducting pure and simple, by a conductor and an orchestra of supreme virtuosity, it is irresistible. There is the glowing, shimmering orchestra, which, through long years of association, the conductor has at hair-trigger control, and there is the iridescent music of Debussy. The listener is intoxicated by the splendor of the experience.  
The admirably balanced and contrasted program ended with another of the interpretations that has deservedly found a special place in the esteem of these festival audiences—that of the mellow wisdom and the nature poetry of the Brahms D Major Symphony, particularly apropos of the hills and forests that flank the music shed at Tanglewood.

## 'LOST COLONY' SET BURNED

Fire Ravages Carolina Theatre Where Drama Is in 10th Year

MANTEO, N. C., July 24 (AP)—Fire late today raged through the Waterside Theatre at Fort Raleigh where "The Lost Colony," symphonic drama depicting the first English effort to colonize America, is now in its tenth anniversary season.  
The flames destroyed about half of the big stage, the choir loft, an organ and many of the stage props, including a chapel, two log cabins and a stockade.  
Directors of the production met immediately after the fire and announced that members of the cast and residents of historic Roanoke Island would begin reconstruction tomorrow. They said they hoped to resume production by next week.

live, persistent and overpowering the Corps de Ballet, choral ensemble and the dancing Rockettes.

## Right Wins Out in 'Wyoming'

Although it is difficult to keep accurate count at this late date, it is safe to assume that the manufacturers of Westerns have just about run out of place names for titles in their numerous revisions of the history of the Old West. But apparently there is no dearth of plots. The old ones seem trustworthy and sturdy enough, and "Wyoming," which clattered into the Globe yesterday, is using the one about the pioneer ranchers shooting it out with the hordes of homesteaders who flocked into the newly created state.  
Of course, William Elliott, who is head man among the ranchers, has a few other things under his spotted Stetson. There is that matter of wholesale rustling being arranged by that deep-dyed dastard, Albert Dekker, and a lovely, blonde daughter whose affections keep vacillating between Daddy Elliott and boy friend John Carroll. The latter, friend of the Elliott empire, is always reminding the boss that "you can't fight the law," but Elliott, if it hasn't been noted before, is a gent with fixed ideas. There is plenty of six-gun shooting, hard riding and a pip of a knock-down and drag-out Donnybrook between the boss and Dekker before our hero learns that maybe he can live with the homesteaders.  
Mr. Elliott, a cowpoke opera veteran, is at home in the saddle and handling his twin Colts, while Mr. Dekker is as oily a villain as ever cheated a homesteader of his rights. Mr. Carroll is dour as the trusty foreman, while Vera Ralston, as the daughter, is a pretty blonde who is as implausible among those pioneer Western surroundings as is her nurse, Maria Ouspenskaya, late of the Moscow Theatre. The bewhiskered George (Gabby) Hayes, as Elliott's partner, is entirely plausible. Everything, in fact, is plausible and exciting, providing one is fiendishly addicted to saddle sagas. A. W.

## Zane Grey Story at Victoria

All you Western fans—and there must be a lot of them, or else they wouldn't make so many of these things—can safely flock this week to the Victoria, where "Gunfighters" had its opening yesterday, for a gun-totin', hard-ridin', rootin'-tootin' action. All the rest of you movie fans can safely dispense with the proceedings.  
The current re-hash of everything Hollywood has ever filmed about those sturdier frontier days is from a Zane Grey novel and has a silent, steely-eyed Randolph Scott as the star. That's probably enough in the way of explanation, but for the more precise readers it's got to do with a one-man army (Mr. Scott), who cleans up a whole county run by a cattle operator who's trying to squeeze out the smaller ranchers. Lots of people are killed but, of course, avenged by

**ASKS TRAFFIC SOLUTION**  
Board of Trade Again Urges Mayor to Make a Start

The New York Board of Trade appealed again yesterday to Mayor O'Dwyer to make a start on a program for easing traffic congestion. It pointed out that the problem "will not meet with a solution solely from studies, blueprints or recommendations. We hope that you will set the wheels in motion." It suggested an engineering study to determine the feasibility

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WYOMING: screen play by Lawrence Hazard and Gerald Gerashy; produced and directed by Joseph Kane for Republic Pictures. Charles Alderson... William Elliott... Vera Ralston... John Carroll... George (Gabby) Hayes... Duke Lassiter... Albert Dekker... Maria Ouspenskaya... Ben Jackson... Grant Withers... Ed Lassiter... Harry Woods... Minnie Gombell... Sheriff Miles... Roy Barcroft... Karen (as a child)... Paul Harvey... Timmons... Trevor Bardette

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GUNFIGHTERS, screen play by Alan LeMay and Zane Grey; novel by Zane Grey; directed by Harry Joe Brown for Columbia Pictures. Randolph Scott... Barbara Britton... Bruce Cabot... Dorothy Hart... Charles Bickford... Charles Kemper... Steven Geray... Sheriff Kileaden... Forrest Tucker... Deputy Bill Mount... Grant Withers... Johnny O'Neill... John Miller... Banner... Griff Barnett

the hero in the last gasps of the final reel.  
Outside of the fact that the film is too long, the sound track is often blurry and a pair of twin girls (Barbara Britton and Dorothy Hart) confuse things immensely. It is average fare for the inveterate Western addicts. The picture is filmed in Cinecolor, which is not to be construed as a recommendation. E. J. B.

of a combination office building with garages above and below ground and asked that "a sufficient sum be appropriated for such study." The board also recommended a parking authority to finance the projects.

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to appear with Charles Russell, Trudy Marshall, Douglas Dumbrille and Pierre Watkin in a fifty-minute religious film which Apex is producing on contract for the Protestant Film Commission, an organization supported by nineteen Protestant denominations. The picture, "Beyond Your Own," is a discussion of American lay evangelism and it is the first of three films which Jack Chertok of Apex will produce for the film commission.

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July 29th—Deep Are The Roots

**1947 Critics Prize Play ALL MY SONS**  
by ARTHUR MILLER. Staged by MAX ANSLIE. Directed by ARTHUR MILLER. Cast: BETH MERRILL—THOMAS CHALMERS—JOHN FORSYTHE—ANN SHEPHERD—CORNETT. This W. 40th St. 6-8700. AIR-COND. Eves. 8:40. Matins. TOM'W & WED. at 2:40

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in "THE MUSICAL SMASH" ANNIE GET YOUR GUN  
Music and Lyrics by IRVING BERLIN. Book by HERBERT AND DOROTHY FIELDS. With RAY MIDDLETON. Directed by Joshua Logan. IMPERIAL, 45 St. W. of B'way. AIR-CONDITIONED. Eves. 8:30 Sharp. Mats. TOM'W & WED. 2:30 Sharp

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**Memorial Rites for Sam Harris**  
The Jewish Theatrical Guild of America will hold a memorial service Wednesday at 6 P. M. in its office at 1564 Broadway for Sam H. Harris, theatrical producer who was vice president of the organization from its inception until his death in 1930.

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Sir H. Mack.

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Jewish Illegal Entry into Rome, Italy  
Ref Rome tel 1505 (E 6197/48/31).

Transmits message from H/C Jerusalem who is pleased that Italians are tightening controls to prevent illegal movement of Jews. Does not think it desirable that such Jews should be received in Austria.

Last Paper.

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References.

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Next Paper.

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(Minutes.)

I sympathize with Vienna's objections. We have, in any case, declined to commit ourselves until we receive Mr. Ruck's report. As our telegram no 1497 to Rome (E 6075/48/6) was also referred to Vienna, I do not think we need reply to this telegram but we should, of course, bear it in mind when considering Mr. Ruck's report.

German (Pol.) Dept.  
Western Dept. (Italian Section)  
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I understand that Mr. Ruck only left on Monday, and that it is likely to be a month or so before he produces his report. Till then the Jews who succeed in crossing the frontier and penetrating to an appreciable distance are being held in the former UNRRA camps.

It seems to me unthinkable that we should accept the Italian proposal to return all Jews from Austria to the British zone. If, in Mr. Ruck's opinion, the Italians can do no more than they are doing, I feel that we should either bring the question up in the Allied Council, or, and perhaps this would be the more profitable alternative, we should have 32008 F.O.P. set out with the authorities in the zones concerned - the U.S. and French.

C.A. Thompson  
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(From British Diplomatic Representative in Austria)

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Following from Acting High Commissioner.

2. If His Majesty's Government agree to receive into the British zone of Austria, Jews who have entered Italy from the French and American zones, we shall be obliged to take very considerable numbers who crossed from the French zone over the Brenner Pass and from the American zone over the Krimmel Pass. These crossings are not discouraged by the French, who are only too anxious to get rid of their Jews and are in many cases actively assisted by the Americans. According to our figures, numbers entering Italy direct over the Krimmel Pass average some 250 a week. We have no figures for entry over the Brenner Pass.

4. Accommodation, transport and maintenance would place a heavy strain on our limited administrative resources. Moreover, since displaced persons are not (repeat not) and cannot be placed under guard, there is always the likelihood of these Jews making their way back into Italy.

/ 5. I am.

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5. I am, of course, always prepared to receive back any Jews who have entered Italy from the British zone of Austria.

Foreign Office please repeat to Rome and Paris  
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List of firms known or suspected to be involved in Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine. (Supplement III)

Last Paper.

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References.

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Washington asked for this (E 5731) and I have sent them a telegram accordingly.

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Letter to Mr. Crossley

31/7

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1/2 Mr. C. A. Crossley Paris 15th Cable of 23/7/47.

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List of Firms known or suspected to be involved in  
Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine.

A. Firms known to have owned ships which have arrived in Palestine with  
illegal immigrants on board.

(Note: The date in brackets indicates the month of the ship's arrival at Haifa.)

GAGANIS SHIPPING Co., Piraeus.	DIMITRIOS (Nov. 1945)
SOCIETA TRANSPORTI MARITIMA (SOTRAMA), Savona. (Directors: Guiseppe MUSSO and Matteo MARANGATTO. Giovanni PINTER also connected.)	ENZO SERENI (Feb. 1946)
PANDELIS & Co., Athens. (Directors: Jean PANDELIS and Pandelis Dimitrios PANDELIS.)	SMYRNA (May 1946)
Fratelli D'AMICO, Rome.	ARIELLA (Sept. 1946)
CIA. CERRO ROBALO DE NAVEGACION, Panama. (Director: Jean ILIADES)	SAN DIMITRIO (Nov. 1946)
WEST INDIA FRUIT Co. Ltd., Norfolk, Virginia. (May have sold ship to unknown firm before interception.)	GUARDIAN (April 1947)
CIA. CERRO PANDO DE NAVEGACION, Panama. (Director: Jean ILIADES)	SAN MIGUEL (Feb. 1947) SAN FILIPO (March 1947)
TYRE SHIPPING Co., Broadway, New York.	ABRIL (March 1947)
CARIBBEAN ATLANTIC SHIPPING Co., Panama.	ULUA (March 1947)
SOCIETA TRANSPORTI DI ARMAMENTO (STAR), Milan.	SUZANNA (March 1947)
EMPRESA HONDURENA DE VAPORES, Puerto Cortez.	GUARDIAN (April 1947)
CIA. ANAL PROVENCIAL S.A., Panama. (Director: Sophocles PILIDES)	ANAL (May 1947)
WESTON TRADING Co. Inc., Stone Street, New York. (Now virtually out of business. NAUTICAL SHIPPING & SERVICING Co. acting as agent in winding-up.)	TRADE WINDS (May 1947) PRESIDENT WARFIELD (JULY 1947)
PORTIA STEAMSHIP Co., Panama.	Also reported owners of TRADE WINDS (May 1947)
SOCIETA ARMAMENTO RICUPERI PESCA & AFFINI, Rome.	MERICA (Feb. 1947)
CIA. GENOVESE DI ARMAMENTO, Genoa.	FENICE (Oct. 1946)
JANET STEAMSHIP Corporation, New York. (Directors: Emmanuel POSTINIS, Leonidas GRIGORAKIS & HANIOTIS)	HOCHELAGA (July 1946)

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(Note: It will be noted that a number of these firms already appear in Para A.)

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SAN EUSEBIO  
SAN SPYRIDON

**NORTH ISLANDS.**

BRUNA

BEATRIZ.

COLONY TRADER.

Also reported owner of the  
COLONY TRADER.

LUCIA.

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D. Agents of ships which have arrived in Palestine with illegal immigrants on board or are expected to do so in the future.

GINESTA et Cie., Rue de la Republique, Marseilles.	Agents for ULUA, GUARDIAN, SAN FILIPO, MERICA, all of which have arrived in Palestine, and for BRUNA, LUCIANO and PRESIDENT WARFIELD.
BAHARLIA, 42 Rue de Phoceens, Marseilles.	TRADE WINDS.
NICOLAIDES & Co., Antwerp. (Possibly connected with Anton NIKOLANDIS)	SAN DIMITRIO.
TILL Co. (ENGLAND) Ltd., 78 New Oxford Street, London, W.1. (Directors: Israel BREITELY, Walter WILLIAMS etc.)	LUCIA.
Nathan COHEN, Baltimore.	TRADE WINDS. NORTHLANDS.
SOCIETA ANONIMA INDUSTRIA ARMAMENTO FRATELLI RAVANO VRISSI 2a/9 Via Caffaro, Genoa. (RAVANO is contact of Stefano D'ANDRIA)	

E. Shipping companies with which Reginald LUCRAFT is connected.

(Note: Our suspicions of the following firms are based solely on their association with LUCRAFT. No other evidence of their complicity is as yet available. The grounds for our distrust of LUCRAFT are at present under review, and it may well be that he, and consequently these firms, will be cleared. Until that is so, it is thought safer to include them in this list.)

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CIA. LAMA DE VAPORES S.A., Panama.  
CIA. DE VAPORES ALBATROS, Panama.  
LUCINDA CIA. PANAMENA DE NAVEGACION, Panama.  
CIA. MARITIMA IGUANA, Panama.  
CIA. DE VAPORES UNIDA S.A., Panama.  
CIA CHARCO AZUL DE NAVEGACION, Panama.  
CIA. LEVANTE DE VAPORES, Panama.

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No. 1411

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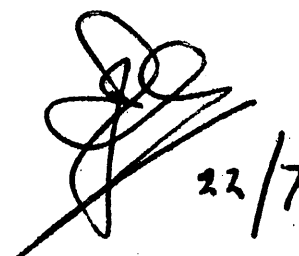
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my telegram no. 6584 [of  
3rd July]

Jewish illegal immigration.

Copies of list mentioned  
in para. 2 of my telegram  
under reference were sent  
to you under cover of our  
P/L no. 1426 of 21st July.

  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 7411

22nd July 1947.

D. 5.00 p.m. 23rd July 1947.

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My telegram No. 6589 [of 3rd July].

Jewish illegal immigration.

Copies of list mentioned in paragraph 2 of my telegram under reference were sent to you under cover of our P/L No. 1426 of 21st July.

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and submit  
with all  
weekly lists

23rd July, 1947.

My dear Colby,

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Supplements 1 and 11 may not have concerned us, but I think I should draw your attention to the fact that we have not received them.

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G.A. Crossley.

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office.

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Mrs. G. A. Crossley  
(Paris Embassy).  
from  
Mr. Lable

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August 2nd. 106

~~I am sorry that the~~  
~~typed letter~~

~~In your letter of the  
13<sup>th</sup> July, you stated pointed  
out that, under cover of our  
printed Despatch no. 954, we had  
sent you copies of what appeared  
to be &c~~

The list of firms involved in Jewish illegal immigration, which we sent to you under cover of our Printed Despatch no. 954 was not really Supplement no. III to the Weekly List of Suspect Shipping, as you suggested in your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, but to another document which we did not consider worth distributing.

2. I am sorry to have misled you, but I can at least assure you that Supplement I and II

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2nd August, 1947.

Dear Geoffrey,

2. I am sorry to have misled you, but I can at least assure you that Supplements I and II were deliberately omitted and not merely forgotten.

Yours ever

John Reith  
(J. E. Cable)

G. A. Crossley, Esq.,  
Paris.

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<p>E6489/48/C</p> <p>Bordeaux.</p> <p>42</p> <p>July 18th</p>	<p>Suspect Ships in French Ports.</p> <p>Rep. to D. tel. 11 (E605/48/C.)</p> <p>Give particulars of Paducah &amp; Northlands.</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>Given I.I.P. distribution.</p>	
<p>References.</p>	<p>Telegram sent to Bordeaux, Lisbon &amp; Madrid. Paris already warned by telephone.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 22/7</p>	
<p>(Print.)</p>	<p>1. Adly command 331220Z July 23 July.</p>	
<p>(How disposed)</p> <p>23 July</p> <p>Tel. Bordeaux 13</p> <p>Lisbon 414</p> <p>Madrid 527</p> <p>July 22</p> <p>Rptd Paris 1661</p> <p>C. Walter 84</p> <p>8) 11P July 26.</p> <p>P.T.O.</p>		
<p>(Action completed.)</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 22/7</p>	<p>(Index.)</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	
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BORDEAUX No 13  
LISBON No 449  
MADRID No 527

Telegram.

No. ....  
(Date) July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Repeat to :—

PARIS (Immediate)  
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Flag Officer  
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Jewish illegal immigration.

/S.S. PADUCAH and S.S. NORTHLANDS,  
both included in Weekly list of  
suspect shipping, are expected  
to sail from BAYONNE for  
Mediterranean on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> July.

2. H. M. Embassy in Paris  
are requesting French Govt. to  
prevent their departure and  
Panamanian consul-general in  
London is requesting his Govt.  
to intervene in the case of  
the "NORTHLANDS". This ship  
flies the Panamanian flag, although  
Panamanian Govt. state she  
was removed from their registry  
in 1942.

3. (BORDEAUX only). If these  
ships sail, in spite of our  
representations to French Govt.,  
you should immediately telegraph  
/ Madrid

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(including your telegram to me)

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO BORDEAUX No. 13,  
LISBON No. 449,  
MADRID No. 527.

22nd July, 1947. D. 7 p.m. 22nd July, 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 1661 (Immediate).  
Flag Officer Gibraltar,  
Panama No. 84.

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**IMMEDIATE.**

**SECRET.**

**Jewish illegal immigration.**

S.S. Paducah and S.S. Northlands, both included in Weekly List of Suspect Shipping, are expected to sail from Bayonne for Mediterranean on 23rd or 24th July.

2. His Majesty's Embassy in Paris are requesting French Government to prevent their departure and Panamanian Consul-General in London is requesting his Government to intervene in the case of the "Northlands". This ship flies the Panamanian flag, although Panamanian Government state she was removed from their registry in 1942.

5. [Bordeaux only]. If these ships sail, in spite of our representations to French Government, you should immediately telegraph Madrid, Lisbon and Flag Officer Gibraltar, stating whether or not they left with passengers already on board.

4. [Madrid and Lisbon only] These ships have ample supplies of food and fuel and are unlikely to call at Spanish or Portuguese ports. If, however, they do, you should make urgent representations to the Governments to which you are accredited, requesting that they should be detained. They are both very strongly suspect, but the case against "Northlands" is reinforced by her ownership, which is identical with that of "Trade Winds" and "President Warfield", both of which reached Palestine with Jewish illegal immigrants.

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To C. in C. Mediterranean(Afloat) Date. 23.7.47.  
Info. C. in C. Mediterranean (Malta.

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From Admiralty

IMPORTANT.

The Consul General Bordeaux reports that PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS are expected to leave Bayonne for the Mediterranean on the 23rd or 24th July. Although it is hoped that the French will prevent them from embarking Jews and leaving French territory, especially after their experience over the PRESIDENT WARFIELD, the Foreign Office are anxious that we should not take any risks. They ask if PADUCAH and NORTHLANDS can be shadowed from Gibraltar onwards. Request your comments.

.231220B

for Hd. of M. Br.  
(808)

Approved V.C.N.S.

1st Lord.  
1st S.L. (3)  
V.C.N.S.  
Secretary.  
U.S.S.  
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& for F.O. (Mr. J.E. Cable)  
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Cabinet Officers (Cdr. W. Evershed)  
M.I.5. (Mr. T.A. Robertson).

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MADRID No 545  
TUNIS No 31  
ALGIERS No 20  
RABAT No 33  
Telegram.

No.

(Date) Aug 5

Repeat to:—

ROME No 1680

PARIS (1534) No 581

BORDEAUX (1534) No 1534

Flag Officer

Gibraltar No 1534

LISBON (Immediate)

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SECRET

My Telegram to MADRID  
(not to all addressees) no. 527  
[of 22nd July].

Jewish illegal immigration.  
S.S. "PAUCAN", Panamanian ship  
of 252 tons net and 13 knots  
speed, left BAYONNE 1700 hrs.  
4th August ostensibly for  
LIVORNO.

2. Past experience suggests  
she may attempt to embark  
passengers illegal immigrants  
from North Africa or  
Balkanic Islands. Please warn  
local authorities accordingly.

3. It is hoped she will  
be shadowed from Gibraltar  
onwards by British warship.

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**Cypher/OTP**

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MADRID No. 545

**TUNIS No. 87**

**ALGIERS No. 50**

**RABAT No. 38**

D. 3.15 p.m. 5th August 1947.

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**SECRET.**

Jewish illegal immigration. S.S. "Paducah", Panamanian ship of 252 tons net and 13 knots speed, left Bayonne 1700 hours 4th August ostensibly for Livorno.

3. It is hoped she will be shadowed from Gibraltar onwards by British warship.

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TUNIS No. 39.

ROME No. 1707.

Telegram.

No. ....

(Date) Aug 11<sup>th</sup>.

Repeat to:—

C. in C. Med. No. ....

Paris No. 1808.

Madrid No. 551.

Algiers No. 52.

Rabat No. 34.

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My telegram to TUNIS ~~was~~  
(not to C. in C. Med.) no. 37 [of 5<sup>th</sup>  
August: Jewish illegal immigration]

At 0800 hrs. 11<sup>th</sup> August  
"PADUCAH" was <sup>N. by N. 80°</sup> 50 miles E.N.E.  
of ORAN, steaming eastwards along  
coast at 9 knots shadowed  
by H. M. S. CARDIGAN BAY.

2. (TUNIS only) You should  
warn local authorities that  
an attempt to embark Jewish  
illegal immigrants may be imminent  
and request them to watch for  
movements of Jews and make  
every effort to prevent a clandestine  
embarkation.

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**Cypher/OTP.**

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO TUNIS NO. 59  
ROME NO. 1707.

11th August, 1947. D. 2.25 p.m. 11th August, 1947.

Repeated to: Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean (via Admiralty)  
Paris No.1808  
Madrid No.551  
Algiers No.52  
Rabat No.34.

**IMMEDIATE.**

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CONFIDENTIAL.

My telegram No. 37 to Tunis (not to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean) [of 5th August: Jewish illegal immigration].

At 0800 hours 11th August "Paducah" was approximately 80 miles E.N.E. of Oran, steaming eastwards along coast at 9 knots shadowed by H.M.S. Cardigan Bay.

2. [Tunis only]. You should warn local authorities that an attempt to embark Jewish illegal immigrants may be imminent and request them to watch for movements of Jews and make every effort to prevent a clandestine embarkation.

3. [Rome only]. Ship's ostensible destination is still Leghorn and she may well intend to embark illegal immigrants from Italy. You should warn Italian authorities accordingly.

4. War Office are warning British Military Administration in Tripolitania of the need to watch for this ship and to prevent movement of Jews.

5. Admiralty are instructing Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean to keep His Majesty's Ambassador Rome, His Majesty's Consul General Tunis and British Military Attaché Tripolitania informed of "Paducah's" movements. Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean has already informed His Majesty's Consul General Algiers.

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	<p><u>Suspect Shipping: Albestina</u></p> <p>lfs. to Paris 168 (S)</p> <p>Addressed Paris - 40 75.</p> <p>Albestina arrived Marseilles on July 17, &amp; sails for Genoa July 21.</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p>E 6489</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>Copy of a letter.</p>	
<p>References.</p>	<p>It looks as if we have been mistaken about this ship. She can be discussed at the Working Party on Wednesday.</p>	
<p>(Print.)</p>	<p>B.V. 23 July</p> <p>21/7</p>	
<p>(How disposed of.)</p> <p>8) 11P 23 July</p>	<p>M.I. 5 think this ship is more likely to be used as a "feeder" than for taking passengers all the way to Palestine.</p> <p>24/7</p>	
<p>(Action completed.)</p> <p>Ridgely</p>	<p>(Index.)</p> <p>W.H.</p>	
<p>Next Paper.</p> <p>E 6498</p>		

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FROM MARSEILLES TO PARIS

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His Majesty's Consul General.  
No. 75. D. 5.50.p.m. July 18th, 1947.  
July 18th, 1947. R. 2.03. a.m. July 19th, 1947.

Repeated to FOREIGN OFFICE NO. 100.

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Your telegram No. 69.

Paris.  
168(S)

Secret.

Suspect shipping.

Albertina arrived Marseilles July 17th with cargo of provisions which she discharged to-day. She is due to sail for Genoa July 21st and is advertising for freight for return journey. She cannot (repeat not) carry passengers without transformation. Inscription Maritime warned.

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FROM PARIS TO MARSEILLES.

R. 9.35 a.m. 19th July 1947.

W:W:W:W:W

SECRET.

Italian oil-burning Albertina 109 GRT (see Weekly List No.10) is reported to have entered French territorial waters off Cap d'Antibes and may have put into a South Coast port. Strongly suspected of intention to embark illegal immigrants in Italy if not in France.

2. Please report any information about her and take usual action with local authorities.

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<p>E 6498/48/G</p> <p>W.O. Command</p> <p>Recd. July 24th</p>	<p>Illegal Immigrant Ships 124</p> <p>from France.</p> <p>Comm. copies of an exchange of telegrams with Cui C.H.H.F. concerning the illegal immigrant ship</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p>E6490</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>1) Signal <del>1115</del> 9125h of July to Cui C.H.H.F.</p> <p>2) Signal 0844 of 18/7 from GOC Palestine + Transjordan.</p>	
<p>References.</p> <p>E634/G</p>	<p>Our telegram to Paris should be with this paper</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 21/7</p>	
<p>(Print.)</p> <p>(How disposed of.)</p> <p>Tel. Paris 1625 July 19.</p> <p>Rpts. B.M.O. 593.</p> <p>8) G.O. Charles 5 July 21</p> <p>9) I.I.D.</p>	<p>Now see the attached telegram from War Office to the Military Attaché, Paris No. 91895 of 25th July (attached). This telegram is in reply to a telegram from the Military Attaché, referring to our telegram No. 1625 to Paris, in which the Military Attaché stated that the Ambassador considered it inadvisable that the Military Attaché should be present at the embarkation operations. D.M.I. War Office telephoned to me on this subject on 24th July and said that the War Office were particularly anxious that the Military Attaché, who was a Major-General, should be present at the proceedings, as the operation was likely to prove a very sticky one. The War Office had therefore drafted a strong telegram to the Military Attaché saying that he was to carry out his instructions and General Templar asked if the Foreign Office would concur in this.</p>	
<p>(Action completed.)</p> <p>25/78</p>	<p>(Index.)</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>	<p>I discussed the matter with Mr. Wright and telephoned to Mr. Ashley Clarke in Paris, who spoke to the Ambassador and called back to say that Mr. Duff Cooper still considered it most undesirable that the Military Attaché should be present, particularly in view of the danger of undesirable publicity. Besides, he considered that on the land the senior British official present at the operation should be the Consul-General.</p>
<p>Next Paper.</p> <p>E6499</p>		<p>28653 F.O.P.</p> <p>I/</p>

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I telephoned General Templar on 25th July and explained the position to him. He accepted the position and the attached telegram to M.A. Paris is the result.

*[Signature]*  
26th July, 1947

I.C.O. commd Palestine 1373  
19 July  
*[Signature]* 30/7

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FROM: War Office

DTO 171645 B/Jul

TO : C-in-C MELE

INFO: G.O.C. PALESTINE

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**TOP SECRET**

Personal from VCIGS to C-in-C.

Reference Foreign Office telegram to Paris No 1548  
repeated to B.M.E.O. Cairo No 584 and to Jerusalem No 9.

ONE. You will have seen also Paris telegram No 695  
repeated to B.M.E.O. Cairo No 585 and to Jerusalem No 12.

TWO. You will realise that transshipment and subsequent  
sailing may have to take place before it is certain what  
arrangements French will make for reception of illegal  
immigrants.

THREE. In default of further details from Paris you should  
issue orders to guards on the assumption that French will  
agree to proposals in Foreign Office telegram No 1548.  
Your instructions to guards should include an order to use  
whatever force is necessary to deliver the illegal immigrants  
into French hands if they will not disembark without it.

FOUR. You should ensure that arrangements are made to  
contact the French authorities before actual disembarkation  
takes place.

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Mr Beeley Foreign Office.  
Mr Fitzgerald Colonial Office.  
Mr Dodds Admiralty.

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Recd:- 18 July 47.

From:- G.O.C. Palestine and Transjordan.

D.T.O. 181145B July.

To:- C. in C. M.E.L.F.

Info:- War Office.

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Personal for Chief of Staff from Chief of Staff.

Troopers personal for VCIGS. Reference Troopers 91254 (MO4)  
of 17 July.

One. Following are remarks by GOC. Necessary instructions to  
Guards are being issued. It must be realised that considerable force  
often required at times involving the bodily lifting of individual  
persons for trans-shipment. For this and other reasons it is considered  
most important that some Senior responsible British Government Official  
meets the Senior British Army Officer before disembarkation is attempted  
at French Port. This will also ensure that arrangements ordered in para  
four of Troopers signal are both effective and prompt.

Two. When ships have sailed from here Palestine Government  
will send their views and recommendations. Need for responsible  
Government Official as above will be included.

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 19th July, 1947.

R. 19th " " 22.45 hrs.

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No. 1373 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.  
Repeated to C. in C., Med. No. 1016. (Please  
pass to P.S.T.O. as No. 1018).  
" to C. in C., M.E.L.F., No. 1017.  
(S. of S., please pass to Paris as my  
telegram No. 1019).

My telegrams No. 1336 and No. 1367.

PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

In order to ensure the smooth execution of the plan which is referred to in paragraph 2 of your telegram No. 1548, I cannot too strongly recommend that a senior and responsible official of His Majesty's Government be present at port where disembarkation of the illegal immigrants is to take place. This official should meet the Senior British Army Officer before disembarkation at the French port is attempted and should settle with him and with French officials all details. It is probable that the immigrants may show a strong disinclination to co-operate and that the use of considerable physical force at times involving the bodily lifting of individuals for transhipment may be unavoidable.

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2. It would seem clearly preferable as a general principle that so called troops accompanying the immigrants should not land on French soil or even on lighters in French port. But as arrangements at the port and circumstances which will attend disembarkation of the immigrants are quite unknown to me I feel that provided principle is borne in mind final arrangements must be left to the senior British and French officials at the port.

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